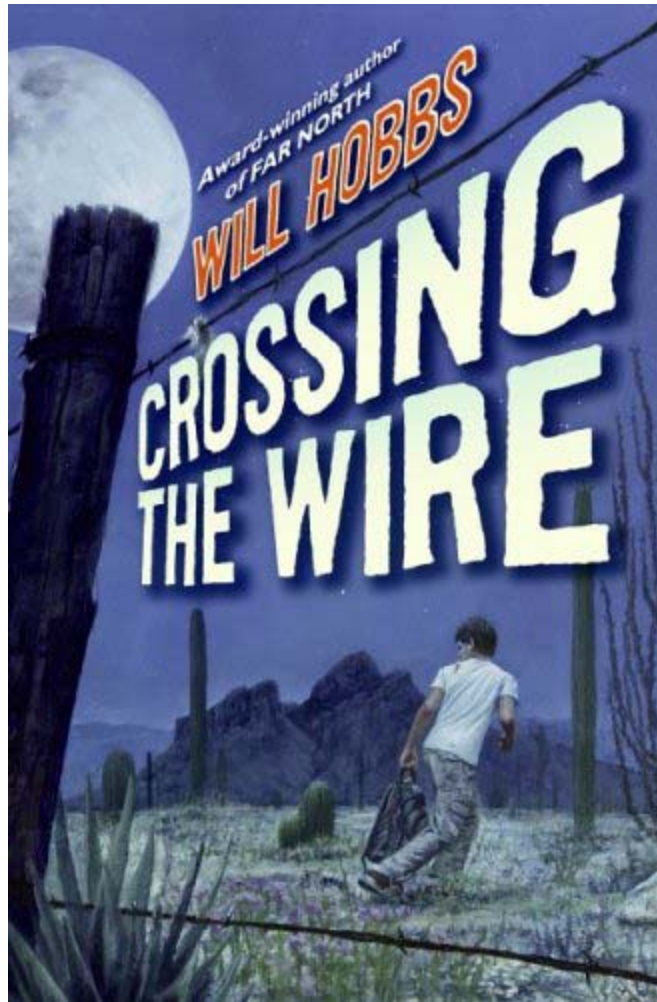


8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment



**This assignment is due for ALL Mark Twain
Middle School 8th grade students on the first day
of school:
September 8, 2009.**

Happy Reading!

Name _____

Summer Reading for Incoming 8th Grade Students

Now that you have a good understanding of the elements of fiction and what makes a good story, it is time to begin to think more deeply about what we read and how the elements are used.

To begin this, you will read the book *Crossing the Wire* by Will Hobbs.

All students, regardless of the level of English that they take, are expected to come to class on the first day of school having read the book in its entirety and with this packet of 3 assignments completed.

This assignment will be a test grade for English class!

We will be using this book to start the year as we begin our Elements of Fiction unit.

Options for finding the book:

You do not have to purchase the book. You can borrow a copy through Fairfax County Public Libraries, or contact the English department through Halissa Delphin at Halissa.Delphin@fcps.edu and we will help you find a copy.

Otherwise, you can begin to look for and purchase the book at any of the following places:

Borders - NOTE: The Borders across from Springfield Mall is aware of this assignment and is ordering 200 copies of the book for students to pick up. If you cannot find it on the shelves/displays, ask for a copy at the register; they will keep copies there for Twain students. The cost of the book is \$5.99

Barnes & Noble

www.amazon.com

www.powells.com

www.half.com

This novel is included on the Fairfax County Public Schools suggested summer reading list for middle school students. Thus, there are copies readily available. Remember to borrow or purchase and read the book early to ensure your assignments get completed before school starts.

ENJOY! ☺

Sincerely,

Your Twain MS 8th Grade English teachers

Name _____

