

## Summer Reading for Upcoming Middle School Students

Upcoming sixth graders: Anna Casey's Place in the World  
by Adrian Fogelin

Upcoming seventh graders: The Big Nothing  
by Adrian Fogelin

Upcoming eighth graders: Crossing Jordan  
by Adrian Fogelin

Title of the Book \_\_\_\_\_

Author of the Book \_\_\_\_\_

Characters: Write the name of the main characters and give a description of each.

**Before reading:** Look at the title of the book, pictures on the front, and read the reviews on the back of the novel; based on that information Predict what you think the story will be about:

### **During Reading:**

Summarize each Chapter: Begin with the setting of that chapter (where is it taking place and when) Summarize by writing at least 3 main events in that took place in the chapter.

### **After reading:**

**Choose on of the following ways to respond: The length should be as long as an 5 paragraph essay.**

1. Write a letter to one of the characters in the novel. Ask him/her questions as well as tell about yourself.
2. If you could change places with one of the characters, who would it be? Why? Which character is most like you? Why?
3. Create a newspaper page for one of the novels. Summarize the plot in one of your articles. Cover the weather in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the novel.

4. Pretend you are a newspaper reporter whose job is to interview one of the characters. Write your interview.
5. You have become a character in one of the novels. Describe your experience during a conflict.
6. Create a story chain for your novel that consists of at least ten links.
7. Redesign the front and back cover of your novel. Include the pertinent information as well as a blurb on the back.
8. Create a diorama for your novel that depicts the most important scene. Write a summary of this scene, explaining its role in the storyline.