

2009-2010 Pre-AP Seventh Grade English

Summer Reading Assignment

Whitehouse Junior High School

Welcome to Pre-AP seventh grade English! It is exciting for me to think of the wonderful year we will have together. Now is the time, however, to prepare for next year. In order for us to accomplish our goals for the upcoming school year, over the summer you must read *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*, by Christopher Paul Curtis. You will complete a written assignment for the novel and turn it in on or before August 25th. Be prepared, as well, to test over the novel during the first week of school.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham is a wonderful story about a solid and appealing family. The writer combines robust humor with serious and tragic elements to make a cohesive, compelling novel. While reading the novel, you will complete the assignment, “Double-Sided Notes”. On the back of this paper, you will find directions for this assignment.

The assignment may be hand-written or typed. Regardless of the way you choose to complete the assignment, the following instructions will apply:

12 or 14 point type size

Arial or Times New Roman font

Double Spaced

Grammar, Mechanics, Usage, and Spelling will count

Blue or Black Ink

Do not write on the back of pages

Stapled together – no report covers

The Watsons Go to Birmingham

Double Entry Journal

The Double Entry Journal is used to record your responses to text as you read. Draw a line down the center of the page. On the left-hand side of the page, copy text which seems intriguing, puzzling, or moving, or which connects to a previous entry or situation. You must start by writing the number of the chapter and then include the page number for each text entry. On the column to the right, write your reaction to the quotation (the text entry). Your entry can include a comment, a question, a connection made, and/or an analysis.

Skip two or three lines between entries. Include two entries per chapter. Remember, the assignment may be hand-written OR typed.

Again, you are completing this assignment for *The Watsons Go to Birmingham*. It is due on August 25.

Double Entry Journal

Chapter – Text Entry, pg. ???	My Thoughts