



# Wellborn High School

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**Class:** 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English

One book is required for Summer Reading 2018:

*Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick

## Summer Reading Assignment Outline

- For the novel listed, you just have to read. Use the questions provided to assist you with your reading. On the back of this sheet you will see literary critique questions. These questions are **NOT** an assignment. They are, however, a guideline for you to follow as you are reading. These questions will be helpful to know as you participate in the assessments upon your return to school.

**On the FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL you should be prepared for a test.**

The English teachers will be available during the summer via email for any questions that might arise. Please be patient when waiting for a reply. We will do our best to check our emails regularly, and reply to your questions as quickly as possible.

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**The following questions will help you during the reading of your novels. Look at and answer these while you are reading to further assist you. Not all of these questions pertain to every novel, but these are a good representation of the types of questions you will see on further assessments. This is not an assignment, and will not be graded.**

1. Explain the title. In what ways is it suitable to the story?
2. What is the predominant element in the story- plot, theme, character, setting?
3. Who is the single main character about whom the story centers?
4. What sort of conflict confronts the leading character or characters?
  - a. external?
  - b. internal?
5. How is the conflict resolved?
6. How does the author handle characterization?
  - a. by description?
  - b. conversation of the characters?
  - c. actions of the characters?
  - d. combination of these methods?
7. Who tells the story? What point of view is used?
  - a. first person?
  - b. omniscient?
8. Where does the primary action take place?
9. What is the time setting for the action? Period of history? Season? Time of day?
10. How much time does the story cover?
  - a. a few minutes?
  - b. a lifetime?
  - c. how long?
11. How does the story get started? What is the initial incident?
12. Briefly describe the rising action of the story.
13. What is the high point, or climax, of the story?
14. Discuss the falling action or close of the story.
15. Does this story create any special mood?
16. Is this story realistic or true to life? Explain your answers by giving examples.
17. Are the events or incidents of the plot presented in flashback or in chronological order?
18. What is the general theme of the story? What is the underlying theme? Can you name any other stories with a similar theme?
19. Did you identify with any of the characters?
20. Does this story contain any of the following elements?
  - a. symbolism?
  - b. incongruity?
  - c. suspense?
  - d. surprise ending?
  - e. irony?
  - f. satire?

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21. Was there a villain in the story? a hero? a dynamic character?
22. Can you find any examples of figurative language?
  - a. simile?
  - b. metaphor? c. personification?