



Westminster Christian Academy

9th Grade Summer Reading

Expository Writing

[Trouble](#) by Gary D. Schmidt

Before reading (or early in the book), pick a theme from the following list.

- Independence
- Loss/Grief
- Forgiveness
- Prejudice
- Empathy
- Father/son relationships

While reading, students must annotate their books by finding and marking passages that display this theme. These annotations can be highlighted or underlined, or a student may choose to use brackets or stars next to key passages. To receive full credit for annotations, students should mark at least 8-10 passages that connect to their theme, and they should briefly comment in the margins or on a Post-it note about how the passage reveals the theme. These annotations will not only earn students a grade upon returning to school but will also play a key role in our first major assignment.

Please email Lauren Simpson at lsimpson@wcastl.org if you have any questions.