



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 or connects to 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 Elizabeth Holliday at eholliday@wcastl.org if you have any questions.