

## 2011 BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

for students entering grade 8

You are required to read *The Revealers* by Doug Wilhelm in preparation for your eighth grade year. As you read your book, complete the written note-taking questions below on a separate piece of paper. Each question should be answered in a well-developed paragraph. Each paragraph should include a topic sentence, *at least* three supporting details from the novel, and a closing sentence. Your work should be handwritten, not typed. This assignment should be completed before your return to school and will be graded for effort and completeness.

If you are entering a Level Four class next year, please complete #1-4.

If you are entering a Level Three class next year, please complete #1-6.

If you are entering a Level Two class next year, please complete #1-4 & #7-8.

If you are entering a Level One class next year, please complete #1-4 & #9-10.

### All students should complete the following questions:

1. Russell, Elliot, and Catalina are very different from each other; however, they are all victims of bullying. Explain some strengths and weaknesses of each character.
2. Pick one of the characters from question one and write about the changes he or she made over the course of the book. Why are these changes occurring?
3. What kind of bullying happened in the book? Is one type of bullying more hurtful than others?
4. Although Elliott is picked on for a variety of reasons, Russell says that “somebody has to be on the bottom, and in our class it was him” (17). Is this true? Does someone always have to be on the bottom? Why?

### In addition to the questions for all students, students entering LEVEL THREE should answer the following questions:

5. What is a bully? Why do people like Richie choose to bully?
6. A predator is defined as “any organism that exists by preying upon other organisms.” This word is used frequently in the book. Explain why this is a good word to describe Richie and Bethany.



**In addition to the questions for all students, students entering LEVEL TWO should answer the following questions:**

7. How do dinosaurs play an important symbolic role in the story? What strategies did dinosaurs use that Russell, Elliott, and Catalina could emulate?
  
8. How is the bullying of Bethany's group different from Richie's? How are they the same?

**In addition to the questions for all students, students entering LEVEL ONE should answer the following questions:**

9. Bystanders are people who witness acts of bullying, but who do not become involved. They do not help the bullied victim and thereby allow acts of bullying to continue and become worse. Although bystanders are not bullies, how do they share guilt with the bullies?
  
10. Analyze the character of the Principal. In what ways does she fit the definition of a bystander? What specific actions could she take in order to change her role in the situation?