5th GRADE SUMMER READING 2020

**Assigned Book:** All rising 5th grade students are required to read the book *Wringer* (Trophy Newbery) by Jerry Spinelli (author of Maniac Magee).

*To reduce the summer slide, we encourage students to read as many books as possible and to read everyday!*

**Book Description:** Palmer LaRue is running out of birthdays. For as long as he can remember, he's dreaded the day he turns ten -- the day he'll take his place beside all the other ten-year-old boys in town, the day he'll be a wringer. But Palmer doesn't want to be a wringer. It's one of the first things he learned about himself and it's one of the biggest things he has to hide. In Palmer's town being a wringer is an honor, a tradition passed down from father to son. Palmer can't stop himself from being a wringer just like he can't stop himself from growing one year older, just like he can't stand up to a whole town -- right? Newbery Medal winner Jerry Spinelli's most powerful novel yet is a gripping tale of how one boy learns how not to be afraid.

**Requirements:** Students are required to annotate while reading and should expect a comprehension assessment upon returning to school. Please see the anchor chart below for a sample for how to annotate a novel.