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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to 5th grade! Fifth grade is an exciting, engaging, and academically challenging year. To help students stay prepared and continue strengthening their reading skills over the summer, students are required to complete a Summer Reading Project before the start of the new school year.

Research shows that the more students read, the stronger they become in reading comprehension, vocabulary, writing, and critical thinking skills. Encouraging your child to read regularly throughout the summer will help ensure a successful start to the school year.

Summer Reading Assignment

Before entering 5th grade, your child must:

- Read **ONE** book from the list below.
- Complete the assigned **File Folder Reading Project** based on the book.
- Be prepared to take an **Accelerated Reader (AR) test** over the selected book.
- Participate in a classroom discussion about the book after returning to school.

Materials Needed for the File Folder Reading Project
Students will need:

- One file folder (any color of their choice)
- The attached project sections/pages to complete and assemble

All sections may be neatly handwritten or typed. Students are encouraged to be creative with their project by adding color, illustrations, decorations, and thoughtful details that reflect their book.

Choose **ONE** Book From the Following List:

- *The Unteachables* by Gordon Korman
- *Lemonade War* by Jaqueline Davies
- *Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea
- *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

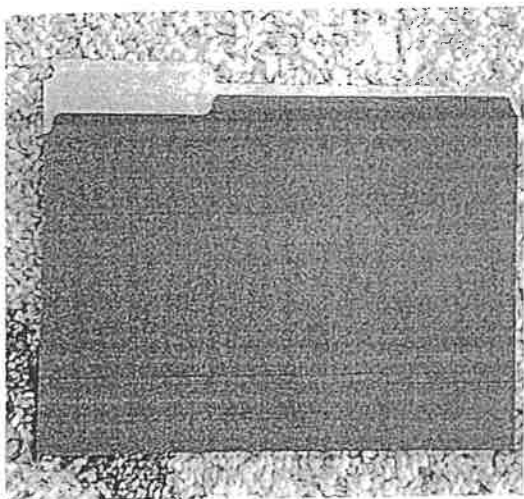
The completed project will be the **first graded assignment** of the new school year. All projects are due on **August 12, 2026. Late projects will not be accepted.**

Thank you for your support and encouragement at home. I hope your child enjoys this summer reading experience and discovers the joy of getting lost in a great book!

Happy Reading,
Mrs. Macias

TO CREATE 3-D FOLDER

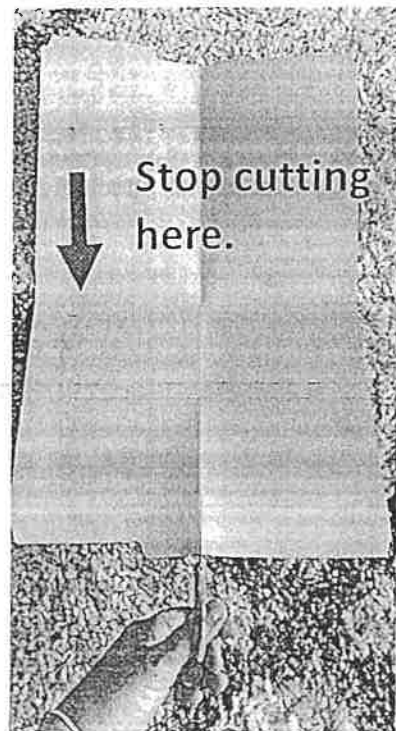
1. Start with a blank file folder.



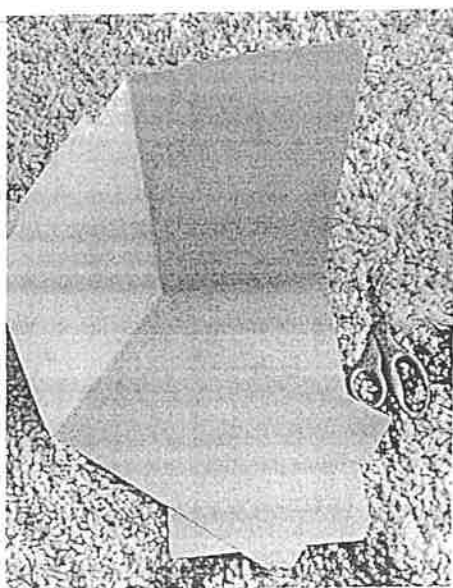
2. Fold the entire folder in half.



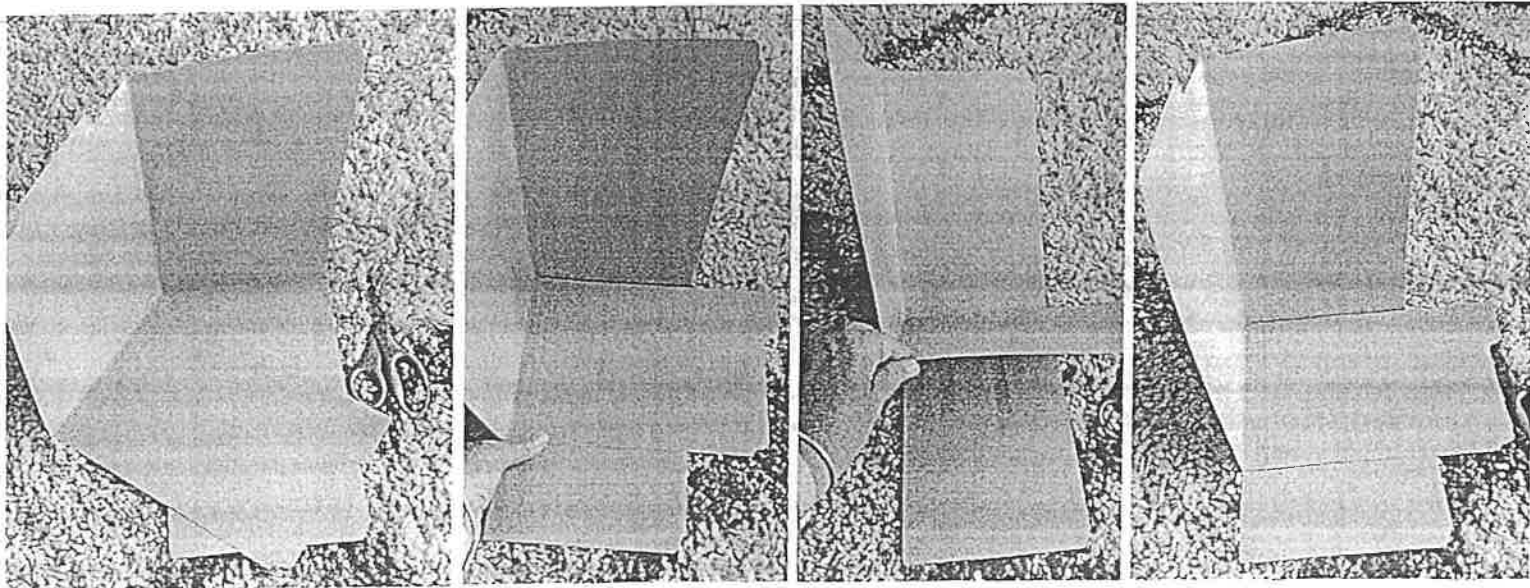
3. Cut to the original fold in the center.



4. Easily fold the folder to create two sides.

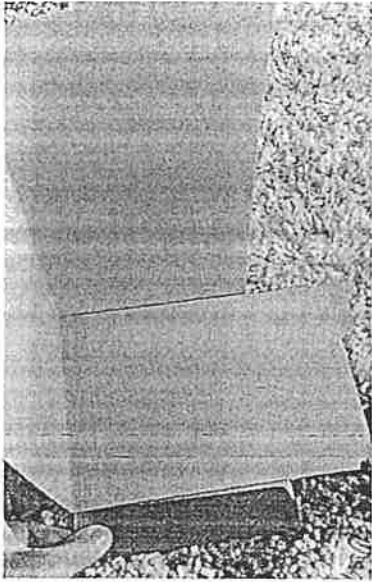


5. Tape or glue at the bottom to secure the sides.

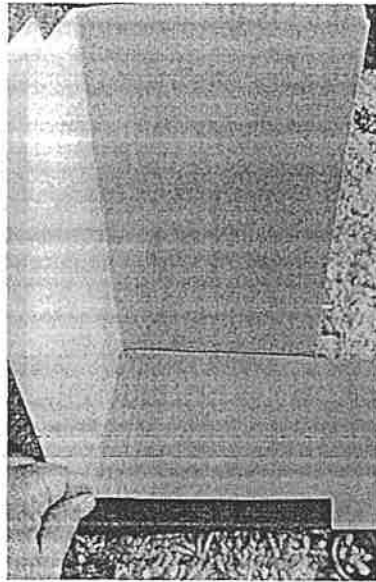


TO CREATE 3-D FOLDER CONTINUED

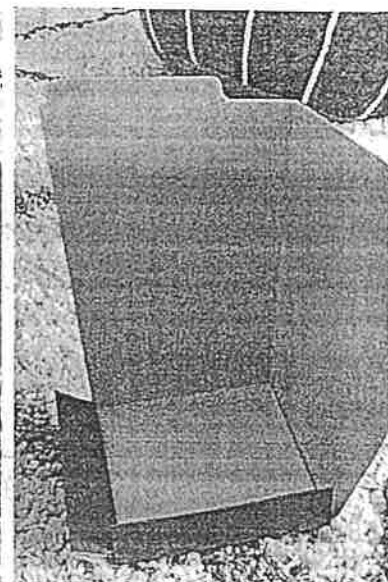
6. Fold the first tab in half.



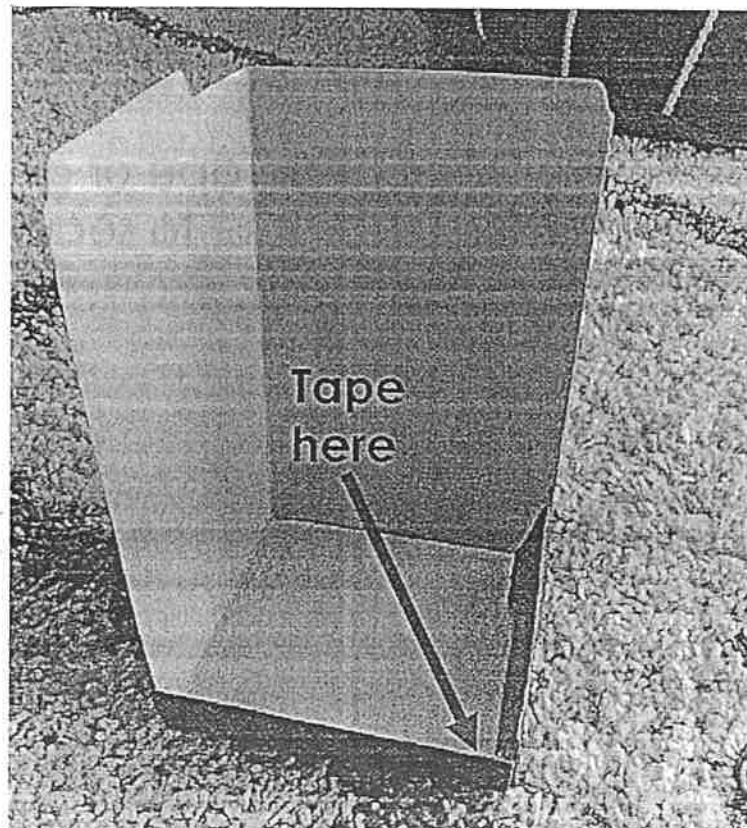
7. Then push it up by the crease.



8. Repeat on the other side.

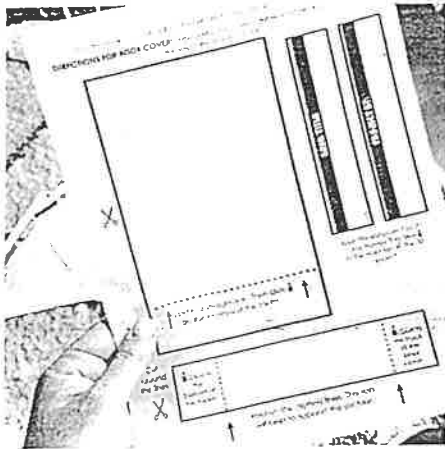


9. This is complete. You may want to tape it in the corner.

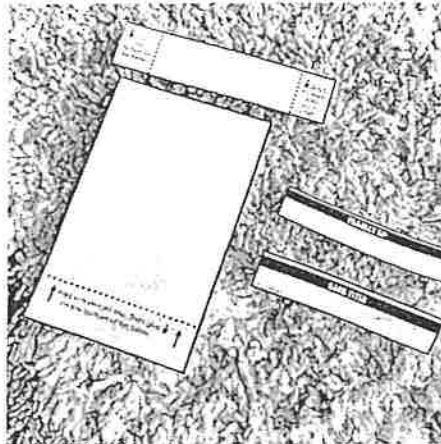


TO CREATE A STANDING SHAPE

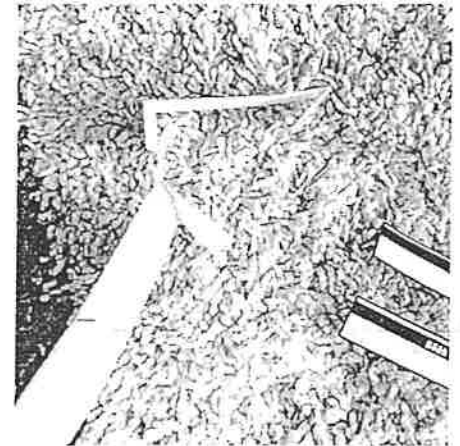
1. Print this page on cardstock or thick paper. Students can illustrate or print a picture of the book cover to fit in the space below.



2. Cut each of the pieces on the page.



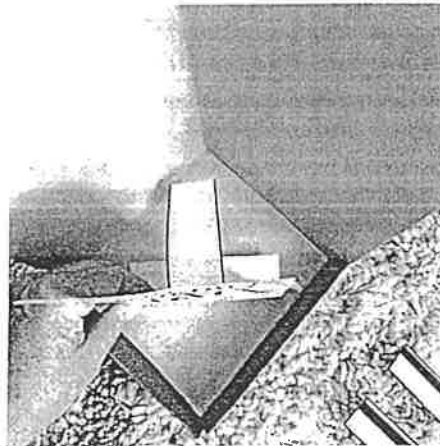
3. Fold the front and back of the standing 3D piece and the connector.



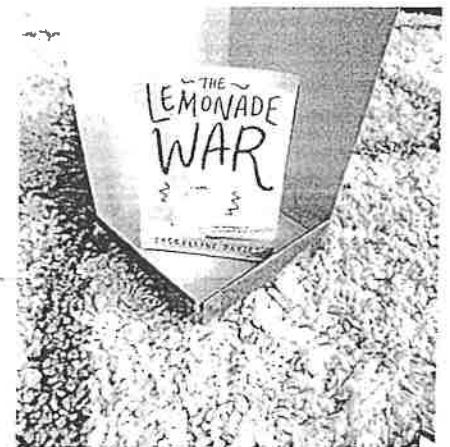
4. Secure the connector to the back of the 3D shape with tape or glue.



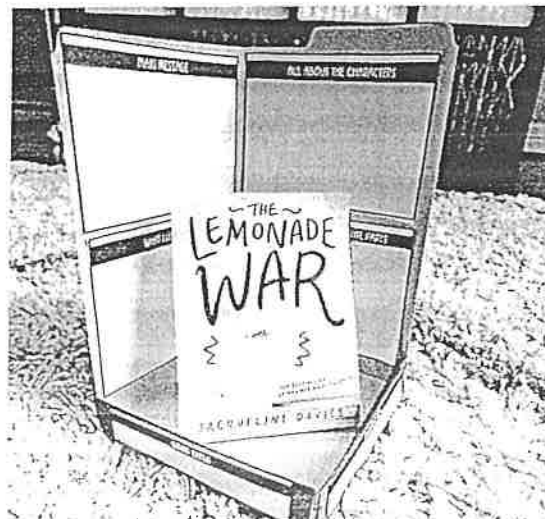
5. Then, tape or glue the picture inside the 3-D folder. Make sure the connector piece is also secured to the file folder.



6. Students can begin to assemble the other pieces of the 3D project to the file folder.



7. The final project can fit 2 questions on each part of the folder. The biggest book review piece fits on the back of the project.



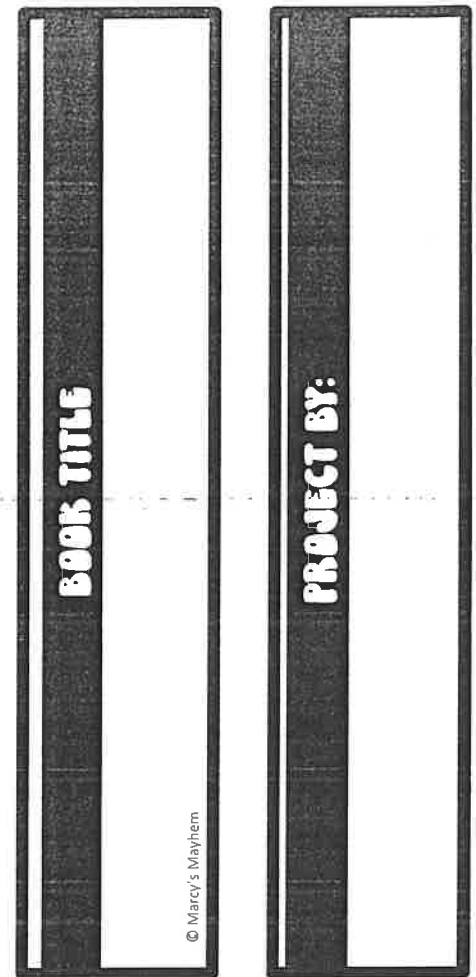
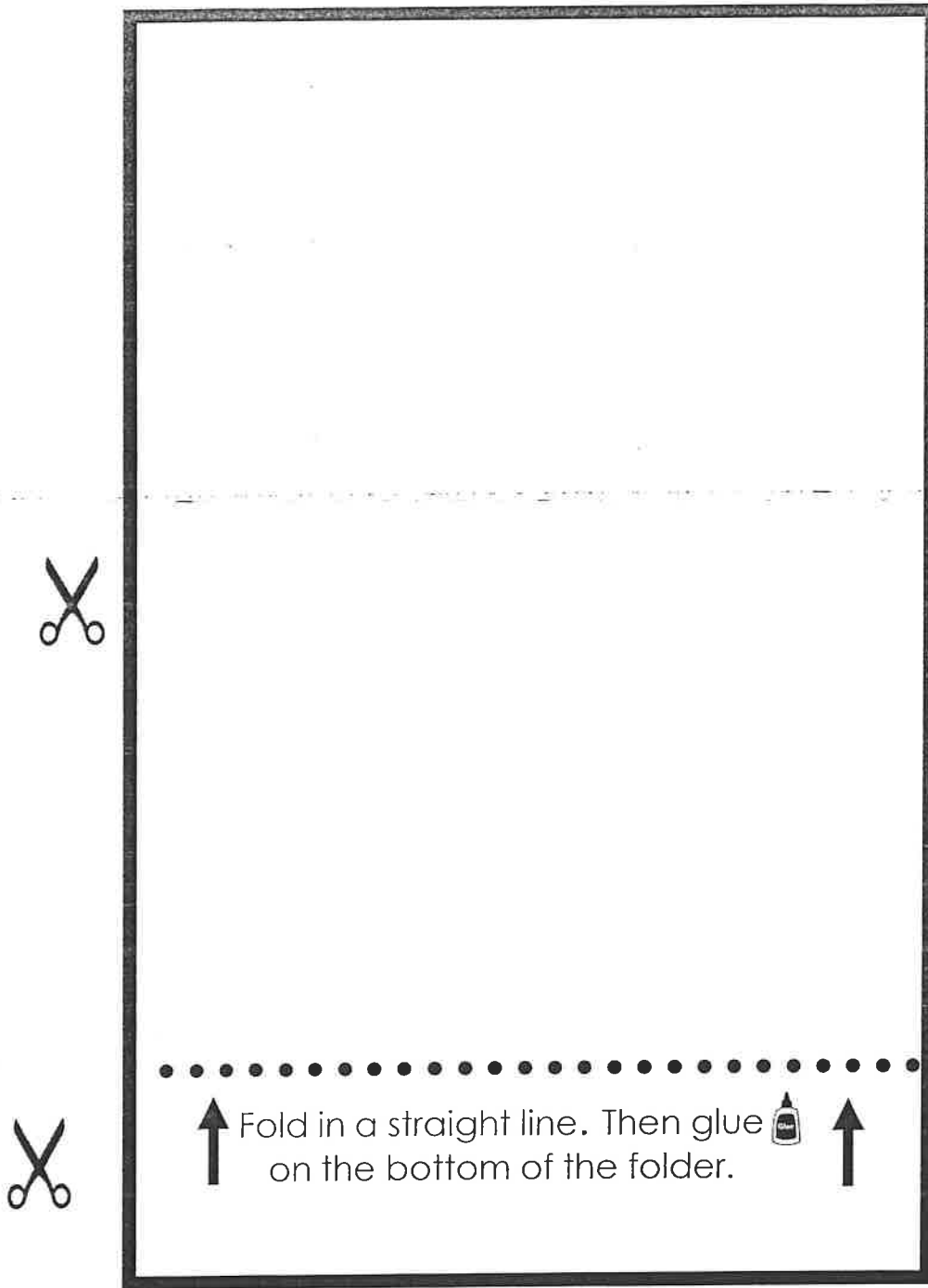


For the following pages, students must cut and glue on the inside and outside of their file folders.

Each section is labeled to match the note-taking section. Students can only select seven topics to write about and glue to their file folders.

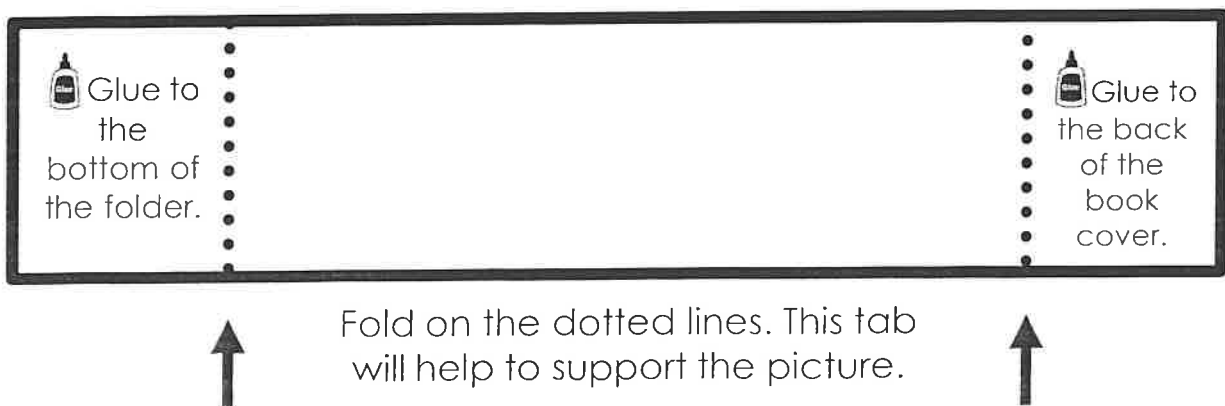
Print this page on cardstock for the best results. Then cut around the straight lines.

DIRECTIONS FOR BOOK COVER: Draw or glue the cover of the novel or book in the box below.
The size of the space is 6" X 4.5".



Book title and project by in your handwriting. Glue to the front tab of the 3D project.

Cut around the lines.



DIRECTIONS: Select 6 topics to write about and then glue to the inside and outside of your file folder project. Be sure to write in your best handwriting, as this will be your final copy. When you are finished writing, cut around the solid boxes. Then, glue to the inside and outside of your project. The biggest box will be to write your book review.

✂ Cut around the solid lines.  Glue this information to one of the insides and outsides of the folder.

MAIN MESSAGE

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WHAT I LEARNED....

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HOW THIS BOOK CHANGED ME...

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ALL ABOUT THE CHARACTERS

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FAVORITE/ LEAST FAVORITE PARTS

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CONFUSING PARTS

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THIS BOOK BY COMPARISON

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EMOTIONS INSIDE THIS BOOK

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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND THOUGHTS

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QUOTES AND SAYINGS

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ALTERNATE ENDING

WRITE A BOOK REVIEW

Directions: Write a book review for the book you read. Use your notes page to write the review. Be sure to use your best work and write in your neatest handwriting. Below is the final copy of the book review.

MY BOOK REVIEW

Glue this information to the back of the folder.

Cut around the dotted lines.