ORPHAN TRAIN INDEPENDENT ACTIVITIES

DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15,,

Intro Orphan Train culminating activities. You will complete on your own by next Friday. FOR EACH of the EIGHT CHAPTERS. Discern between important and interesting facts. Make a list of at least THREE OF EACH. You may want to write a summary for each chapter (40-50 words each)..

. **Part One –** List what you consider the **five most important** facts learned from the book, in order of priority. Then list **five most interesting** facts learned. Tell why they made you go “Oh my gosh!” or why you found them fascinating.

**Part Two –** List **three questions** you have after reading the book. These may be “I wonder why” type of questions. Choose **one** of these questions and investigate (by researching possibilities). Make sure you include evidence of researching your resources that you used. (For now, you can just include book and magazine titles with authors and URL addresses—or use MLA citation maker).

**Part Three –** Write **three diary entries** that Lee might have kept:

1. Before. . .
2. During. . .
3. After. . .

. . .the books events. Remember that the characters thoughts and feelings are very important. Each entry should be at least one typed page.

**Part Four –** MOOD METER TIME. **Putting ourselves in the character’s shoes and building empathy.** Choose one of the following:

How does this book make you feel and why? What new knowledge did you find surprising and why? How would you feel if you were Lee and why?

REMINDERS:

​**HOW CAN WE DISCERN-DIFFERENTIATE-TELL APART-SEPARATE-TELL THE DIFFERENCE--DISTINGUISH BETWEEN WHAT IS IMPORTANT AND WHAT IS JUST INTERESTING?**  
 

* **Important details or facts that when put together help you understand the main idea-big idea or what the author is trying to teach the reader about.**
* **Important details are usually very specific and necessary in order to understand the topic-subject.**
* **Usually answers the five w’s” who, what, when, where, why and how.**
* **Most important details help you summarize a section-part of the text.**
* **In an informational article, we will find the most important facts in the first couple of paragraphs. Then the nutgraph—the so what somes it up—usually around the third paragraph.**
* **In a chapter book, usually in the first paragraph, you will learn the most important information.**
* **Important info would also be found in introductions and endings—sort of reflections on what the book was mostly about.**

**Interesting:**

* **Detail that engages reader and makes them want to read on.**
* **Something unusual or extra.**
* **Keeps reader hooked**
* **Info-details that make you feel-care more about topic.**
* **Those wow moments that may lead to a personal response or further investigation-research on a topic.**

**This may lead to deeper understanding**