**Directions**: For each reading assignment, students must complete the following:

1. ***Read*** “About the Author” (5 minutes)
   1. Write 3-5 facts that stand out to you about the author and explain why these facts seem significant (5 minutes)
2. ***Using What you Know***: Answer all questions in 3-5 sentences (3-5 minutes)
3. ***Literary Focus***: Take all notes and write definitions for all bolded vocabulary terms in your binder (5-7 minutes)
4. ***Setting a Purpose***: Read this section and write down guided reading question(s) to help focus your reading. Be prepared to answer question(s) as you read. (5 minutes)
5. ***Read*** assigned text and take notes to answer guided reading questions from “Setting a Purpose” section. (15-20 minutes)
6. Complete all of the following sections if they appear after the text (make sure to write questions and answers)
   1. Identifying facts
   2. Interpreting meanings (Remember, yes or no responses are insufficient by themselves; make sure to explain why)
   3. Literary elements
   4. Language and Vocabulary
   5. Descriptive Writing/Expository Writing/Writer’s Journal/Persuasive Writing
   6. Critical Thinking
   7. Developing Sentence Sense

NOTE: Steps 1-5 should be completed by Tuesday of each week in order to finish all assignments by Friday. Please adhere to calendar for specific assignment due dates.