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Dear 8th Grade English Students,

At Trinity, we desire that our students are life-long, year-round readers. To encourage this habit, the English department requires summer reading. These selections are intended to give students rich reading that will provoke thought, build vocabulary, and entertain students at each grade level during the months they are not in school.

Eighth grade students will be responsible for reading *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* before the beginning of school, and they are responsible for completing the accompanying assignment listed below. It is our expectation that summer reading and the assignment are completed by the first day of the school year. A copy of the assignment has also been posted on the Trinity Academy website.

Each student's FACTS account will be charged for this paperback novel. If the student loses this text and must purchase a second copy, please ensure the ISBN matches this number: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* –**ISBN-13:** 978-0547550299

Assignment

Staple 5-10 pieces of notebook paper together to create a “journal”. Create a cover page that contains the title and your name. Feel free to decorate the cover if you'd like. Attach more pages if necessary. After every three chapters, complete a journal entry.

Each entry should contain the following:

Title of entry (example: Chapters 1-3)

Characters (new characters/brief description/role in the story)

New or unfamiliar vocabulary words (write them down and look up definition)

A brief summary of what happened (important events/plot changes)

Your reflection (feelings, reactions, questions, predictions, quotes, etc.)

Characters	Vocabulary
Summary	Reflection