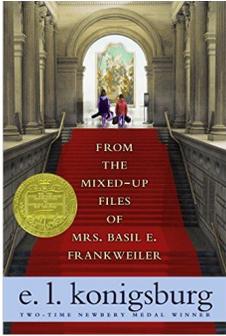


# SUMMER READING



From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler is a Newbery Award-Winning novel that follows two siblings on a fantastic adventure in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Your summer reading will consist of reading the book and responding to it in a journal you will use throughout the year in fifth grade.

There are several great journals available at Half-Price books for around \$5 - \$7, and there are also some good options available at Amazon. The cover does not need to be plain, but should not include artwork or decorations that would be inappropriate for the classroom. Amazon has a “Rediform DaVinci Notebook, College Rule” that many students have chosen in the past.

## **You may approach this book in one of two ways:**

1. Write a short (3-5 sentences) summary of each chapter in your journal.
2. Write a letter or series of letters as the character Jamie, writing to another character in the book (or to the reader) and telling us about your adventures with Claudia. For example, you could pretend to be Jamie and write to your friend Bruce, telling him how you ended up tagging along with your sister on her expedition to the Metropolitan Museum. You could also write to Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, to Saxonberg, to one of your younger siblings - use your imagination. Your letter/letters should take up at least five pages in your journal.

## **What else could go in your journal?**

Aside from the copywork poems and verses on the next two pages, your journal may include:

- Short responses to other books you read over the summer
- Short written entries about experiences you have over the summer
- Goals you would like to accomplish in fifth grade
- Drawings
  - Scenes from Mixed-up Files as you think they may have appeared
  - Something in nature you observed
  - A map of your neighborhood
  - Your pets
  - Your family

Please include **at least three things other than the required summer reading and summer copywork.**

## SUMMER POEMS

Copy each into your journal using your best cursive handwriting. Choose **one** poem to memorize and deliver the first week of school. You may use the cursive sheets to practice your penmanship before writing these in your journal.

### God's Grandeur

*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

### No Man Is an Island

*John Donne*

No man is an island,

Entire of itself,

Every man is a piece of the continent,

A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,

Europe is the less.

As well as if a promontory were.

As well as if a manor of thy friend's

Or of thine own were:

Any man's death diminishes me,

Because I am involved in mankind,

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee.

# On the Grasshopper and Cricket

*John Keats*

The poetry of earth is never dead:

When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,  
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run  
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead;  
That is the Grasshopper's—he takes the lead  
In summer luxury,—he has never done  
With his delights; for when tired out with fun  
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.

The poetry of earth is ceasing never:

On a lone winter evening, when the frost  
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills  
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,  
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,  
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

## SUMMER VERSES

Copy each verse in cursive into your journal. Choose **one** to memorize and deliver during the first week of school.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

- Ephesians 4:32

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7

Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

- Philippians 4:8

The human mind plans the way,  
but the Lord directs the steps.

- Proverbs 16:9

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

- John 10:11