

Summer Reading, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Summer 2011

*The Homework Machine* by Dan Gutman

*Mr. Lincoln's Drummer* by G. Clifton Wisler

For *Mr. Lincoln's Drummer*, I'd like the students to write a book report that includes:

TITLE and AUTHOR

An INTRODUCTION to the book (two or three sentence teaser/hook)

The SETTING (where and when it took place)

A brief sentence or two about each MAIN CHARACTER

A brief SUMMARY

A RECOMMENDATION

Five - seven FACTS they learned about the Civil War while reading the book

For the Homework Machine, I will give a quiz at the end of the first week of school. To practice, they may identify: the characters, the main problem in the book, and how the problem is solved.