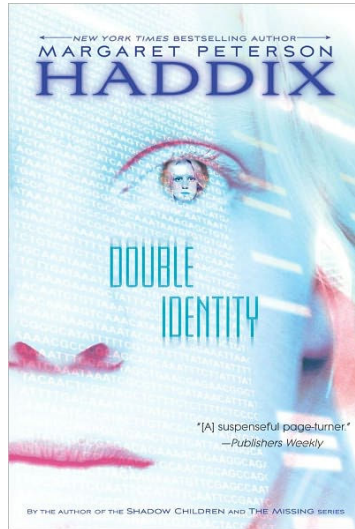


Summer Reading for Incoming 8th Graders-LA8

Developing Mystery and Suspense

Double Identity



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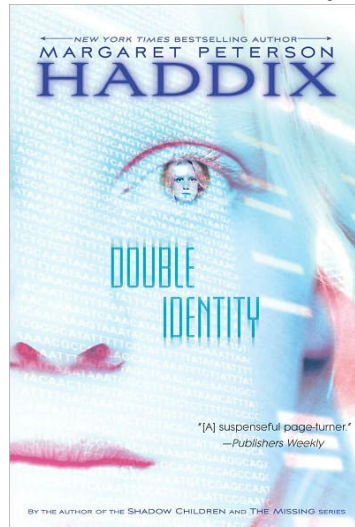
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2. In addition to the required reading book, students entering LA Plus will then pick a mystery book of your choosing. The book should be appropriate for your reading level. As you read through the book, you will be looking for at least 5 moments that created mystery, revealed something about a character or plot point, or created suspense. Record those moments as you read in the chart on the next page.
3. Finally, you will respond to the writing prompt that addresses both books. You will find the prompt below the charts.

Double Entry Journal for *Double Identity*

Page #	Evidence from the text that reveals something about a character/ is mysterious/is suspenseful	Commentary/Analysis: What is being revealed about the plot or characters? What seems mysterious? What makes it suspenseful?

Double Entry Journal for Choice Book

Title of Book: _____

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