MHS ENGLISH DEPT **READING HOMEWORK 1** TERM 3

**Anne Fine -** Anne Fine sometimes worries that she's spent most of her life with her head in a book.

She started making books for her toys when she was three and wrote her first 'real' book for herself when a snowstorm stopped her getting to the library. She first thought of writing as a way of life when a teacher said, "Find out what you like doing most in the world and then find someone who'll pay you to do it.”

Anne has always been an avid reader. As a child, her favourite place in the world was the public library and librarians became very kind about letting her change her books twice a week even though the rule said only once.

Despite pressure to change, Anne still writes with a 2B pencil so that she can rub out easily when she has to. She works in absolute silence and hides her work from anyone who comes into the room.

**Task 1: Complete the following table about Anne Fine.**

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|  | TRUE | FALSE | CAN’T TELL |
| 1 Anne’s first story was about a snowstorm.  |  |  |  |
| 2 A teacher gave Anne the idea of becoming a writer. |  |  |  |
| 3 The librarians broke the rules about lending books for Anne.  |  |  |  |
| 4 Anne writes with a pencil because she makes lots of mistakes. |  |  |  |
| 5 Anne is private about her work. |  |  |  |

**Task 2: Audience and Purpose.**

The table contains descriptions of three of Anne Fine’s books. From the clues in the descriptions, work out the type of reader each one might appeal to (think about the type of story it is, what the reader may have in common with the plot or characters etc) and give a reason for your answer e.g. Someone who likes pets because the blurb tells us the boy in the story has a cat.

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| **Madame Doubtfire** - Three children struggle through the upheaval of their parents' divorce until their mother takes on a wonderful, and surprising, new cleaning lady but there's more to Madame Doubtfire than meets the eye as the children gradually discover in this tragic-comedy about a family break-up.  | **Someone who…****would read this book because…** |
| **Bill's New Frock** - One day, for no apparent reason, Bill finds a dress laid out on the end of his bed. Putting it on, he embarks on the strangest day of his life. Mistaken for a girl, Bill spends a hilarious day experiencing life from a completely fresh angle.  | **Someone who…****would read this book because…** |
| **Goggle Eyes** - Humorously told, all the pain of adjusting to a new stepfather is crammed into this hectic tale as Helly pours out the story of her mum and 'Goggle-Eyes', the new boyfriend, in the privacy of the school Lost Property cupboard.  | **Someone who…****would read this book because…** |

The purpose of all three of Anne Fine’s books mentioned in the table would be (circle one only) -

To sell To inform To persuade To entertain