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Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) Summer Reading Assignment

Required Summer Reading and Assignment: Students who read gain information, increase vocabulary, and improve comprehension.

Assignment

Seventh and Eighth graders will be required to complete a two-part summer assignment. First, read a novel (AR book level 6.0 or higher) of their choice this summer. Second, pick a project to complete, and upon their return in August, students will present their project choice to the class.

Part 1 -Read: Pick any ONE appropriate novel (AR book level 6.0 or higher) in one of the following genres to read over the summer:

Realistic Fiction: These are stories that are made up but could take place in real life.
Examples: *Little Women*, *The Big Field*

Mystery: Involve a secret or crime that needs to be solved. Examples: Hardy Boys, Nancy Drew

Biography: A story about someone's life written by another person.
Examples: Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, Anne Frank, Lincoln, Wright Bros, Hidden Figures, Gifted Hands

Fantasy: Have ideas that could not happen in real life. Often involving magical elements. Examples: *The Hobbit*, *Harry Potter*, *Percy Jackson*

Historical Fiction: These are stories that did not really happen but are based on events in history. Examples: *The Bronze Bow*

Science Fiction: Stories that didn't happen in real life but are tied to science and technology. Examples: *A Wrinkle in Time*, *Alpha Centauri*

Fiction: Stories and characters are completely made up. Examples: *Series of Unfortunate Events*, *The Giver*

Part 2 - Project: Pick any ONE of the following projects to complete about your novel and be prepared to present to the class upon your return in August. Projects should include the following Literary Elements such as setting, character (major and minor), main problem, main event(s), and interesting facts. All projects can be done via electronic or paper.

Character Diary: Choose important days at strategic (important, pivotal) points throughout the novel. Write a minimum of 5 diary entries that are at least 3 paragraphs each that the character might have written if they had kept a diary. Be creative with your diary cover, how it is written, etc.

Diorama: This is a miniature scene, using various items and background pictures to create a three-dimensional effect. This is a good project for stories set outdoors. Include a one-page written (or 450 word) summary describing the scene and what is happening within it.

Letter to the Author: Have some questions you'd like to ask the author? Want to provide some feedback or offer some suggestions? Write a letter to the author that shows your reaction to the book. Be sure to include: your opinion of the book and reasons for your opinion, the character in the book you are most like and why, and your favorite part of the book.

Letter to a Character: Have some questions for a character? Want to know why they did or didn't do something? Write a letter to the character that shows your reaction to their character. Be sure to include: your opinion of the character and reasons for your opinion, why or why not you are like the character in the book, and your favorite part of the book including that character.

Make a new book jacket for the book: (can be digital)

Front cover: Draw and color an illustration for the book.

Inside front flap: Write descriptions of the main characters.

Inside back flap: Write a description of the setting and a summary of the book.

Back cover: Write 5-10 quotes from the book that are important to understanding the story and why they are important.

Write a new ending for the story or add an extra chapter: Think things should have gone differently? Think more information is needed with the help of an additional chapter? Create an alternative ending or extra chapter for the book. Should be at least one full page, single spaced handwritten or 450 words typed.

Design a Comic Strip: (Can be digital) Choose a chapter or an episode from the book that is especially meaningful to you and illustrate it as a comic strip. Use color and include "speech balloons" for character conversations or thoughts. A minimum of 12 detailed comic squares required.

Movie Poster: Create a movie poster, either digitally or with markers or paint to advertise the book as a movie. Choose actors/actresses to play the part and make sure to include the setting, plot, and theme on the poster in some way.

Make a Game: Construct a board game using the events in the story for the theme. The game needs to be made for at least four players. Game pieces should also reflect the theme or event of the novel.

Become a TV Newscaster: Have someone video tape you acting as a newscaster reporting on the story. Be sure to include a summary, characters, setting, plot, and theme within your newscast.

Novel Suggestions: Please use parental guidance when selecting a novel. Listed below are suggestions - some may be appropriate for some students and not for others.

- Alcott, Louisa May – *Little Women, Jo's Boys*
- Avi – *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The Man Who Was Poe, Crispin*
- Bauer, Joan – *Close to Famous*
- Burnett, Frances H. – *A Little Princess, The Secret Garden*
- Burnford, Sheila – *The Incredible Journey*
- Clark, Ann Nolan – *Secret of the Andes*
- Conde, Ally - *Matched*
- Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage*
- Cushman, Karen – *Catherine Called Birdie*
- DeAngeli, Margerite – *The Door in the Wall*
- DeCamillo, Kate – *Tale of Despereaux*
- Draper, Sharon – *Out of My Mind*
- Gilbreth, Frank and Ernestine Carey – *Cheaper by the Dozen*
- Falls, Kat – *Dark Life*
- Frost, Helen – *Diamond Willow*
- Halse Anderson, Laurie - *Chains*
- Hayles, Marsha – *Breathing Room*
- Hobbs, Will – *Go Big or Go Home*
- Keller, Helen – *Story of My Life* -
- Kelly, Eric P. – *Trumpeter of Krakow*
- Kirby, Matthew - *Icefall*
- Kjelgaard, Jim – *Outlaw Red, Big Red, Irish Red*
- Konigsburg, E.L. – *The View from Saturday*
- Latham, Jean Lee – *Carry on Mr. Bowditch*
- L'Engle, Madeleine – *A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door*
- Lenski, Lois – *Indian Captive*
- Lewis, C.S. – *The Chronicles of Narnia*
- Logsted, Greg – *Alibi Junior High*
- London, Jack – *Call of the Wild, Sea-Wolf, White Fang*

- Lowry, Lois – *Number the Stars*
- MacDonald, George - *The Golden Key, At the Back of the North Wind*
- Maud Montgomery, Lucy Maud – *Anne of Greene Gables*
- Meyer, Marissa - *Cinder*
- Montgomery, Rutherford – *Kildee House*
- Mowat, Farley – *Never Cry Wolf*
- North, Sterling – *Rascal*
- O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins, The King's Fifth*
- Park, Linda Sue – *Long Walk*
- Parry, Rosanne – *Heart of a Shepherd*
- Paulsen, Gary – *Woods Runner*
- Preus, Margi – *Heart of a Samurai*
- Raskin, Ellen – *The Westing Game*
- Rawls, Wilson – *Where the Red Fern Grows*
- Reedy, Trent - *Words in the Dust*
- Reynolds Naylor, Phyllis – *Faith Hope and Ivy June*
- Richter, Conrad – *Light in the Forest*
- Riordon, Rick – *Percy Jackson & The Olympians*
- Sawyer, Ruth – *Roller Skates*
- Schmidt, Gary – *Okay for Now*
- Sewell, Anna – *Black Beauty*
- Silberberg, Alan – *Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze*
- Smith, Sherrie – *Fly Girl*
- Sonnenblick, Jordan – *After Ever After*
- Speare, Elizabeth – *Witch of Blackbird Pond, The Bronze Bow*
- Sperry, Armstrong – *Call It Courage*
- Saint-Exupery, Antoine de – *The Little Prince*
- Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Kidnapped*
- Taylor, Mildred – *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- Van Draanen, Wendelin – *Running Dream*
- Verne, Jules – *Journey to the Center of the Earth*
- Wiggin, Kate – *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*
- Williams-Garcia, Rita – *One Crazy Summer*
- Wells, H.G. – *Time Machine*
- White, E.B. – *The Trumpet of the Swan*
- Yohalem, Eve – *Escape Under the Forever Sky*