

7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 7th Grade! We are looking forward to meeting you next fall!

Over the summer we expect all 7th graders to read at least one book, which will help kick off the year in Language Arts.

Requirements:

- It can be fiction or non-fiction
- There is not a required number of pages, but you are encouraged to choose a book that challenges you.
- It cannot be a book you have read before.
- It cannot be any of the books we will read in 7th grade: *Flipped*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *A Step From Heaven*, *The Breadwinner*, *Homeless Bird*, *Breaking Through*

When you have finished reading, your project is to have a discussion about the book with an adult of your choice. This can be a parent/guardian, grandparent, older sibling, cousin, aunt, uncle, neighbor, etc... **In order to receive full credit, the discussion must be at least 15 minutes in length, but of course, it can be longer, and you must take notes on what is discussed.**

Possible discussion topics/questions are provided to help get you started and/or to help the discussion fill the entire 15 minutes. Therefore, you may discuss any topic(s) of your choice. You may use one of more of the questions listed in this handout, or discuss any questions, reactions, topics that you feel you want to discuss that are not on the list. You could end up discussing 10 topics or just one (if that one is more complex and leads to other ideas or interpretations).

While the discussion is in session, you, or the adult with you, should take notes on what was discussed. The notes do not need to be typed, in final draft form of any kind, or in complete sentences. They should be written quickly throughout discussion as a way to show what you found important to talk about.

Once the discussion has been completed, both you and your discussion partner must sign the contract sheet to verify that you read the book and had a 15 minute discussion. Finally, be prepared to hand in this sheet and your notes on the first day of school.

Summer Book Reading Contract

Title: _____

Author: _____

Length of Discussion (min): _____

STUDENT:

By signing this sheet, you are verifying that you have read your summer book and engaged in at least a 15 minute discussion with an adult.

Student Signature: _____

ADULT:

By signing this sheet, you are verifying that the student you met with read a summer book and that you engaged in at least a 15 minute discussion about the book with this student.

Adult Signature: _____

Possible discussion questions

Please use the following list as possible discussion questions. Take notes on this sheet as the discussion is progressing. Remember, you will turn this sheet in, filled out, on the project's due date.

1. What was the most exciting part/event of the novel? Why?
2. What is the most important part/event of the novel? Why?
3. Who is the most important character in the novel? Why?
4. What is one thing the main character values the most? Explain why.
5. What is the main conflict in the book? How was this conflict resolved?
6. What do you think the main theme of the novel is? Why do you think so? Give examples from the novel to support your theme.
7. If you had written the book, what would you have done differently? Would have changed the ending? Would you have added/deleted characters? Would you have changed the setting? Explain way?
8. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?