

Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Welcome to 7th grade! Over the summer, you are required to read at least two novels. One book may be a free choice and the other one **must be a selection** from the reading list below. Be prepared to submit the following assignments to your language arts teacher during the first week back to school in August. Have a fabulous summer and read, read, read!

1. You will submit a 3 X 5 (blank) index card that contains the following information using the book you selected as your free choice:
Side 1- Title, author, genre, setting, time period
Side 2- A paragraph explaining three reasons you would/would not recommend the novel. Include a symbol representing the overall theme (friendship, hardship, loyalty)
Please make sure that your index card is legible!
2. For the mandatory book choice, you must design an advertisement board (using standard white poster board) that will persuade the audience to read your book. Your advertisement board should be similar to what you would see along side of a wall in the movie theatres. It must be neat, creative and include the following:
Title and author of the book
List of characters
Time period
Setting
Illustration of the book (free drawn or copied)
Critic claim-a catch phrase about the book that makes it so spectacular
Please have the activity sheet on the back filled out and be prepared to share answers with the class. Creative and complete answers will be expected! Your poster board will also be shared with the class, as well.

Select one book from this list to do the assignment for number 2.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt

Toby Wilson is having the toughest summer of his life. It's the summer his mother leaves for good; the summer his best friend's brother returns from Vietnam in a coffin; and the summer that Zachary Beaver, the "fattest boy in the world," arrives.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A heartwarming and adventurous tale for all ages about a young boy and his quest for his own red-bone hound hunting dogs. Set in the Ozark Mountains during the Great Depression, Billy Coleman works hard and saves his earnings for 2 years to achieve his dream of buying two coonhound pups.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The year is 1911. Young Mary Lennox awakes one morning in India, to discover that her parents, and in fact, everyone she knows in the English compound in Bombay, have died of cholera. Having nowhere else to go, she is sent to live with her brooding Uncle Archibald, in his 100-room mansion in Yorkshire.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Young Jim Hawkins goes on a quest for hidden treasure in this coming-of-age adventure novel. Squire Trelawney, Jim, and Dr. Livesey set sail for the secret island, accompanied by a crew of disguised pirates led by the powerful Long John Silver.

Using complete sentences, answer the questions below. Be prepared to turn the questions in with your project during the first week of school.

1. What novel did you select from the reading list and why did you choose that particular book?

2. Who is the main character? Use three adjectives to describe the character.

3. Compare yourself to the main character. How are you similar to the main character? How are you different?

4. What is the main conflict the main character faces in the story?

5. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explode? Explain your reaction.

6. How is this book like (or not like) your own life? Explain.

7. Does the title fit the book? Explain why or why not.

8. What was the author saying about life and living through this book?

9. Which event in the story had a the greatest affect on you? Why?

10. Did you enjoy the book? What type of audience should read this book?
