



Summer Reading



Students entering seventh grade will read a total of four books as part of the summer reading requirement. They should read two books which they have chosen from the recommended list below. In addition, they should choose one book of their own free choice, although it could be another one from this list if the student wishes. Finally, all students should also read the required novel detailed below, which they should bring in to school with them in September. There is a writing requirement of some kind for three out of four of these choices, as detailed in the instructions below.

1.) Choose two books to read from the following list:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (Do NOT watch the movie instead of reading the book!)

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (choose 2-3 short stories only)

Chains or Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Legend by Marie Lu

Let the Circle Be Unbroken by Mildred D. Taylor

For one book chosen from this recommended list, answer the following question on notebook paper and in cursive handwriting:

In a five paragraph essay, choose one main character from the book, and analyze him/her. What kind of traits does he/she have? Did he/she change throughout the course of the book? Does the character affect the plot and if so, how?

For the other book which you chose from this list, make notes on a single index card, any size, which cover the following details:

Who wrote the book, and when? Give major points about the plot. Give three important details about one of the main characters. Explain a theme from the book. Did you like the book and why/why not? Give three reasons.

You will be asked to use your index card as notes for a short presentation when you return to school. You do not need to use full sentences or paragraphs.

2.) For the book of your free choice, answer one of the following questions on either notebook paper and in cursive handwriting, or by typing it:

Either

In a five paragraph essay, explain the book's theme, or message. What did this book teach you about the theme? Give specific examples.

Or

Write an alternative ending for your novel. You may either change the original ending, or continue on from where the final chapter finishes. You may want to write more than five paragraphs, but please do not write more than three pages, maximum.

3.) Read the required novel, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. If at all possible, purchase the edition published by Laurel Leaf, a division of Random House. ISBN: 0-440-23768-8. There is no written component for this novel in the summer reading requirement, but be prepared to bring it in with you, and to discuss it, from the first week of school.