

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to seventh grade reading! I hope that you will find this summer reading assignment both pleasant and enlightening. I feel that I have chosen books of high quality, and books varied enough to please every taste.

I hope that you will read everyday and love the books that I have chosen! Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,
Kerri Pennington

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading List

You must read two books from the list below. For each book, record the title, the author's name, the main characters, the central conflict, a five-step listing of the plot (1-starting action of problem, 2-rising action, 3-turning point, 4-falling action, and 5-resolution), a short reaction to the book (why you did or did not like it and your favorite or least favorite character and part. You must use MLA format and type each paper. I will collect your two papers on the first day of school. Good luck and happy reading!

A MURDER FOR HER MAJESTY

Beth Hilgartner

Young Alice Tuckfield attempts to escape her father's murderers in Elizabethan England.

A WRINKLE IN TIME

Madeleine L'Engle

This is a fantasy novel about a brother and a sister who go to other galaxies in search of their scientist father and younger brother.

ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Lucy Maude Montgomery

Story of a strong and endearing orphaned girl growing up on Prince Edward Island.

BERT BREEN'S BARN

Walter Edmonds

The quiet, charming story of a boy's determination to move a sturdy barn onto the family farm to make his family's life better.

DAVE AT NIGHT

Ellen Carson Levine

Set against the backdrop of the Harlem Renaissance, Dave, an orphan who lives in the Hebrew Home for Boys finds a friend, and sneaks out of the house at night, finding many adventures.

RIFLES FOR WATIE

Harold Keith

Sixteen-year-old Jeff is anxious to leave his Kansas farm and fight for the Union Army. When he is injured and winds up being cared for by Confederates, he finds that his loyalties are divided.

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER

Mark Twain

A classic story about boyhood pranks, schooldays, and childhood mischief. Great fun to read! (even for girls)

ULTIMATE GAME

Christian Lehmann (translated from French by William Rodarmor)

Science Fiction. This novel relates moments in the lives the three teenagers who purchase a computer game that recreates a virtual reality of a time machine of history's evils: war after war. Eric and Charles are pitted against Andeas, the oldest, whose need for power propels him to play the game as judge, jury, and finally prey.

HOMECOMING

Cynthia Voigt

Resourceful thirteen-year-old girl leads her siblings on an arduous journey to locate their long-lost aunt.

SKEETER

K. Smith

The story of two young boys befriended by an old black man who is a legendary hunter.

RASCAL

Sterling North

Nonfiction story of the author's boyhood experiences with his pet raccoon.

AMAZING GRACIE

A.E. Cannon

When her mother remarries, Gracie's life changes; she moves away from her best friend, gets a weird stepbrother, and watches her mother sink into total depression.

ALONG THE TRACKS

Tamar Bergman

In WWII, after the Nazis invade Russia, Yankele is separated from his family. He somehow manages to survive for four years on his own as he travels from one railroad station to another with bands of other lost and abandoned children. Based on a true story.

SWEET WHISPERS, BROTHER RUSH

Virginia Hamilton

Convincing detail and moving characters heighten the drama in this gripping ghost story that probes into two generations of a family's secret.

MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

Jean Craighead George

A 13-year-old boy spends a year living alone in the wilderness to test his self-sufficiency and independence.

ISLAND OF BLUE DOLPHINS

Scott O'Dell

This story records the courage and self-reliance of an Indian girl who lived alone for eighteen years on an isolated island off the California coast.

JACOB HAVE I LOVED

Katherine Paterson

Feeling deprived all her life of schooling, friends, mother and even her name by her twin sister, Louise finally begins to find her identity.

TANGERINE

Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul is a star soccer player, despite needing very thick glasses to see. No one really notices him behind his football hero brother until they move to Tangerine. Paul begins to remember how he lost his vision and everything changes. Issues of bullying, stealing, ethnicity and class are subtly explored.

Your Name

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Date

Title of Book

I. Main Characters (*Discuss main characters in order of importance*)

- A. 1st main character
- B. 2nd main character
- C. 3rd main character
- D. ETC...continue until you have discussed each main character

II. Plot (*Discuss each element of the plot as follows...*)

- A. Exposition/Basic Situation
- B. Rising Actions (events leading up to the climax)
- C. Climax (most dramatic point in the novel)
- D. Falling Actions
- E. Resolution (when all loose ends are tied up)

III. Conflict *Discuss the main conflict that you feel is very important to understanding this novel. Explain both the universal conflict and the specific conflict.*

Universal: (*man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. environment*)
example-man vs. environment

Specific: (*give the specific characters names and/or forces, and explain the situation*)
example from The Giver-Jonas vs. Assignment. Jonas must accept his assignment of Receiver for the society although he is having a very difficult time facing the responsibility and challenge.

V. Reaction

In a brief paragraph, give your reaction to the novel. Address why you did or did not like it... your favorite/least favorite character and part, etc.