

7th GRADE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Rising seventh grade students will read one (1) book of their choice from the 7th grade reading list below. **This should be a book not previously read.** Students will produce a written response as described below, which will count as their first grade of the year. Please submit the written portion of the assessment to your language arts teacher on **the first day of school.**

This Assignment Must Be Typed

Instructions:

1. Read the book of your choosing from the 7th grade book list below.
2. Divide your novel into five (5) equal sections. Choose one meaningful passage from each of the 5 sections of your novel; **QUOTE** (do not paraphrase) the passage of your choice and write the page number of the passage.
(E.g.: Your book has 250 pages ... $250/5 = 50$. This example shows you should write a response every 50 pages.)
3. Next, use one response from the list below to give your personal insight (NOT a summary) for each of the five passages. Provide a word count at the end. (Use the following examples only once so that you have a variety of responses.)
 - a. This passage is important because...
 - b. This passage reveals the character's...
 - c. This passage fits with the book as a whole since...
 - d. Christians can relate to this quote because...
 - e. This excerpt makes me feel (angry/sympathetic/confused etc.) because...
 - f. This character reminds me of...
 - g. This character exhibits the quality of courage (honesty, etc.) ...
 - h. The point the author wants to make here is...
 - i. I have felt the same emotions as this character when...
 - j. The author uses the literary device of (imagery/symbolism/theme etc.)...
 - k. This setting is significant because...
 - l. I agree/disagree with this character's decision because...
 - m. This is exciting /boring because...
 - n. The author does a good/bad job of...

Each commentary should be no less than 50 words in length. You should have a total of five entries.

4. **FINALLY**, include a cover page including:

- your name
- the book's title
- the book's author
- the book's page count

Example:

Passage 1

"Fire swamps are, of course, entirely misnamed...Simply, there are swamps which contain a large percentage of sulfur and other gas bubbles that burst continually into flame. They are covered with lush giant trees that shadow the ground, making the flame bursts seem particularly dramatic. Because they are dark, they are almost always quite moist, thereby attracting the standard insect and alligator community that prefers a moist climate" (page 199).

Response (J):

The author uses imagery in this passage as he describes the fire swamps. The writing is so powerful that I could see in my mind a huge, dark swamp like something out of a fairy tale, only with jets of flames popping up. The author does a great job of describing the swamps and why they were such a terror to Florin and Guilder. (64 words)

7th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

Parents: Below you will find a list of engaging and well-written stories that represent a variety of genres. Your student should choose *one novel* from the list below to complete their assignment. While we endeavor to choose books that are representative of appropriate content, age level, and maturity, we recommend each family research the suggested selections. You may find the following sites helpful as you discern the best publication for your student: www.squeakycleanreviews.com, www.commonsemmedia.org, www.thrivingfamily.com

Title	Author
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Aiken, Joan
Before We Were Free	Alvarez, Julia
The Incredible Journey	Burnford, Sheila
The Chosen	Dekker, Ted
The Three Musketeers	Dumas, Alexander
The Double Life of Pocahontas	Fritz, Jean
Dragon Rider	Funke, Cornelia
The Jungle Book	Kipling, Rudyard
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary
The River	Paulsen, Gary
The Time Machine	Wells, H. G.
Dragonwings	Yep, Laurence