

Seventh Grade SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Book Title: _____

Author: _____

Did you take an AR test? ____ yes ____ no If yes, what was your score? _____%

Provide the following information about the book which you have just read. Give specific details. Answer all questions in complete sentences. Credit will not be given if any section is not completed.

1. Genre: What type of book is this? Give two reasons for your decision.
2. Characters: List the MAIN character(S) in this book.
3. Physical Characteristics: For each character listed above, give the facts about his/her size, appearance, age, abilities, etc.

Character Name	Trait	Trait	Trait	Trait

4. Character Traits: For the character listed above, give information about what each enjoys, dislikes, acts like, thinks like, etc. List each character separately with his/her description. Give at least 3 traits per character.

Character Name	Character Trait

5. Choose one character. Think about how this character acted and/or felt at the beginning of the book. Then think about how she/he felt at the end. Describe any changes in the character. What do you think made this character change?
6. Setting: Give information about the time period and place(s) in this book. Be specific
7. Plot: List the major developments of this story.
 - Beginning/Introduction to problem or situation.
 - Major story events/ actions leading to the conclusion.
 - Conclusion (Ending)Give your opinion of this story's ending. Tell why you feel this way.
8. Vocabulary: How did the words the author used contribute to your enjoyment (or dislike) of the book? Be specific and give details.
9. Compare/Contrast: Recall another book you have read recently. Compare this book to that one. How are the two books alike? How are they different?
10. Memorable Parts: Which parts of the book are the most memorable to you? Tell why.

7th Grade Summer Reading

Summer Reading

Choices

E. L. Wright Middle

School

ELA Department

Rising 7th Graders



Let Reading Take You Away.....

1. **Torn Thread** by Anne Isaacs

Torn Thread is a riveting account of the experiences of two Polish-Jewish girls during World War II. Isaacs spares no details in describing the physical suffering and mental anguish of 12-year-old Eva and her 14-year-old sister Rachel during their two years in a labor camp in Czechoslovakia. This powerful testament to the human spirit provides much opportunity for discussion of this dark time in human history.

2. **Alex Rider: Stormbreaker** by Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider is the 14-year-old hero of British author Horowitz's spy thriller (the first in a projected series). When his guardian and uncle, Ian, is mysteriously killed, Alex discovers that his uncle was not the bank vice-president he purported to be, but rather a spy for the British government.

3. **Flipped** by Wendelin Van Draanen

Juli Baker devoutly believes in three things: the sanctity of trees (especially her beloved sycamore), the wholesomeness of the eggs she collects from her backyard flock of chickens, and that someday she will kiss Bryce Loski. Ever since she saw Bryce's baby blues back in second grade, Juli has been smitten. Unfortunately, Bryce has never felt the same.

4. **Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli

Stargirl Caraway is a new 10th grader at Arizona's Mica Area High School who wears pioneer dresses and kimonos to school, strums a ukulele in the cafeteria, laughs when there are no jokes, and dances when there is no music.

5. **Touching Spirit Bear** by Ben Mikaelson

Cole Matthews is angry. Angry, defiant, smug--in short, a bully. His anger has taken him too far this time, though. After beating up a ninth-grade classmate to the point of brain damage, Cole is facing a prison sentence. But then a Tlingit Indian parole officer named Garvey enters his life, offering an alternative called Circle Justice, based on Native American traditions, in which victim, offender, and community all work together to find a healing solution.

6. **Chasing Vermeer** by Blue Balliett

Chasing Vermeer is a mystery that opens with a few people receiving mystery letters. Then Petra and Calder are interested in their new and unconventional 6th grade teacher, Ms. Hussey, especially when she announces her letter project. The students are supposed to find out about an interesting letter that changed someone's life, and they write her a letter she'll never forget.

7. **Hush** by Jacqueline Woodson

Toswiah Green. Evie Thomas. One girl. Two names. Two lives. When her police officer father witnesses two white cops killing a black boy, he makes the heart-wrenching decision to testify against his former friends. Overnight, thanks to the witness protection program, Toswiah becomes Evie, and she and her family leave their idyllic Denver, Colorado, life far behind.

8. **Letters from Rifka** by Karen Hesse

Twelve-year-old Rifka's journey from a Jewish community in the Ukraine to Ellis Island is anything but smooth sailing. Modeled on the author's great-aunt, Rifka surmounts one obstacle after another in this riveting novel. Further trials do not faze this resourceful girl. The story is told in the form of "letters" written by Rifka in the margins of a volume of Pushkin's verse and addressed to a Russian relative.

9. **Buried Fire** by Jonathan Stroud

Deep in the English countryside, the unearthing of an ancient Celtic cross awakens an imprisoned dragon and unleashes a smoldering evil. Less than a mile away, 13-year-old Michael McIntyre falls asleep on a lush green hill, and wakes up with frightening and sinister new abilities.

10. **Olive's Ocean** by Kevin Henkes

As Martha and her family prepare for their annual summer visit to New England, the mother of her deceased classmate comes to their door. Olive Barstow was killed by a car a month earlier, and the woman wants to give Martha a page from her daughter's journal.

