

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading: US Program

Reading Requirements

You are required to read **three books** this summer, although you are always encouraged to read more! Choose at least one book from the list on the following pages.

In addition, you must also read two other books of your choice. When choosing books on your own, try to choose a book that captivates your attention and is appropriately challenging. You may choose a book of any genre.

Required Reading Assignments

Assignment #1: One Pager

Create a one pager on the book that you select from the required reading list. You will find detailed directions in this packet

Assignment #2: Alternate Book Cover

For a book of your choice, create an alternate book cover, complete with an alternate title, symbolic original images, and intentional design. You may create your new book cover by hand or digitally, but your work must be original. If you're feeling stuck, look at some of your favorite books and notice what choices the author, illustrator, and publisher made to attract your attention. Write one paragraph explaining the choices you made. Your description must be detailed, thoughtful, and 6-8 sentences long.

***Assignment #3: Optional Challenge Assignment**

This year, we have designed an optional challenge assignment for each grade. This is not a required summer reading assignment; however, it is encouraged for those students who have excelled in English Language Arts this year. Any student can choose to complete the challenge assignment.

New Epilogue

Write a new final chapter for the book they have read. This new ending should provide a different conclusion to the story while staying true to the established characters, setting, and themes. ● Begin with a clear opening that transitions smoothly from the preceding chapter. ● Develop the plot logically, maintaining consistency with the rest of the book. ● Stay true to the characters' personalities and voices.

- Use descriptive language and dialogue to enhance the narrative.
- Conclude the chapter with a satisfying resolution that ties up loose ends
OR design a new cliffhanger that will compel readers to read an imaginary sequel.

All of your summer work is due during your first week back to school. Do not worry about turning in your assignment before school begins. Your teacher will give you

more information when you return. Good luck and read lots of books!

7th Grade Required Book List

Title	Author	Summary	Genre	Common Sense Media Age Rating
<i>Outcasts United (YA Edition)</i>	Warren St. John	In this book, the author documents the experience of a soccer team in Georgia, but there is something that makes this team extraordinarily unique: it is composed of refugees from around the world. Their coach, Luma Mulfeh, a Jordanian woman on a journey of her own, guides her players through their personal struggles and transforms not only their lives, but the lives of everyone in the town.	Non Fiction	Ages 11+
<i>The Night Diary</i>	Veera Hiranandani	Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't really fit in. The year is 1947 and India has recently declared independence from British rule. But India has separated into two nations; Pakistan and India. The religious tensions at the border have erupted into a full-fledged war. Nisha and her father become refugees and must escape Pakistan to their new home in India.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz	This book weaves together three distinct stories about the experiences of refugees. Josef is a Jewish boy escaping Nazi Germany in the 1930s, Isabel is 14-year-old fleeing Cuba in 1994, and Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. Despite the differences that divide them, these young people are bound by powerful connections.	Historical Fiction	Ages 11+
<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	Ruta Sepetys	Lina is a Lithuanian teenager whose world changes when WWII arrives at her front door. One night, Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, Lina, her mother, and her young brother travel to a prison camp in frozen Siberia. There, they are forced to fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions.	Historical Fiction	Ages 13+

<i>Akata Witch</i>	Nnedi Okorafor	Born in New York, but living in Nigeria, twelve-year old Sunny is out of place wherever she goes. She is also albino, something for which she has been bullied her whole life. She finally begins to make sense of her world when she realizes she has magical powers. Together with her fellow students of magic, she tries to capture a killer on the loose.	Fantasy	Ages 12+
<i>The Arrival</i>	Shaun Tan	This wordless novel tells the story of an immigrant as he escapes from the conflict in his home country and struggles to adapt to a new, magical world.	Graphic Novel	Ages 9+
<i>A Long Walk to Water</i>	Linda Sue Park	This fast-paced novel is based on the true story of Salva Dut, a refugee who escaped the civil war in Sudan. During this harrowing journey, he leads a group of 150 Lost Boys to safety, eventually settling in New York.	Nonfiction	Ages 11+
<i>The War that Saved My Life</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+