

## Grade 7 Summer Reading Assignment



**Purpose for Summer Reading:** We want you to read for fun and to make connections, discuss topics with friends, build more context of the world, exercise your brain, and take some quiet, down time with a book.

**Reading Log and a Reader's Notebook:** We encourage you to **read 30 minutes a day** to increase your volume and text complexity and make a **jot after you read** and a **fuller response once a week**. We encourage you to **log your reading (Reading Log- title, date, pages) and keep a (Reader's Notebook) with a collection of your idea/response to what you read. Bring your Log and Notebook with you on the first day of school so you can share what you read this summer.**

Why? It is important to respond to what you read- we call this reader response/ stop & jots. It's a quick way to pin down your ideas about what you read. Writing about reading helps you think powerfully about characters, setting, conflict, mood, theme, big ideas, etc.... We have included prompts that will help you with your responses. Your responses can be in the form of paragraphs, journals, maps, charts, or graphic organizers. Use color and your own ways to capture your thinking. Please indicate the title of the book you are responding to and the date of the entry. We will share our thoughts when we come together in fall.

Please click on the link below to see the summer reading choices.

<http://ahs.aps1.libguides.com/summerreading>

:) Ms. McCormick and Ms. Lane

**The following is a list of topics that you could write your two responses about.**

***Ways to Consider Books, Reading, Authors and Writing***

- Tell about your experience as a reader of the book.
- Describe what you noticed about how the author wrote.
- Tell what you think the themes/ Great Ideas might be.
- Tell what surprised you.
- Pose your wonderings—your questions about the author, the characters, the structure, the voice, and yourself as a reader.

**- OR -**

**Start with an opener such as:**

- This character reminds me of somebody I know because...
- The character I most admire is \_\_\_\_\_ because...
- This character reminds me of myself because...
- This situation reminds me of a similar situation in my own life. Let me explain...
- This situation reminds me of a similar scene in (Title of Book)
- This part is realistic/unrealistic because...
- If I were (Name of Character) at this point, I would...
- I predict that in the next few chapters...
- If I were to write a sequel to this book, I would write...
- I wonder what this part means...
- I really can't understand this part because...
- It was a surprise when/ angry about/ satisfies with/ moved by/ incredulous at
- I like the way the author or I don't get why the author
- I'd compare this author to...

- I wish that...
- I didn't agree with...
- Why did...

Have a great summer! We hope you enjoy many great reads during your summer break and look forward to sharing your responses in September!!

Here's to watermelon, swimming, and books!

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