

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SUMMER READING

WHY? Reading gets your mind thinking, gets you wondering about things, and helps you become smarter. Also, reading is fun!

WHAT DO I DO? Choose two books, read them, and complete two of the Summer Reading Activities.

WHAT IS THIS BOOKLIST FOR? The booklist gives the name of books other students in your grade have enjoyed. They are only suggestions. The choice is yours.

IS THIS GRADED? YES! Summer reading is a mandatory requirement. Each book will count as a quiz grade towards your first quarter grade.

WHERE AND WHEN DO I HAND THIS IN? To your English teacher within the first week of school.

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

Each student must complete one reader response journal for one book. For the student's **second book** you may do another response journal **or** create a cartoon strip.

1. Complete a reader response journal. You must choose **five** interesting/important quotes (full sentences) from the text. Write the page number, quote, and a detailed response explaining why you think that quote is interesting or important.

2. Create a cartoon strip related in some way to the plot of your book. The strip should contain details about the characters, the conflict/problem, and how the conflict/problem was solved. Use quotes from the text as captions to each box.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

Expectations for written part of activity:

- Have the required amount of quotes
- Show comprehension through detailed, summation and analysis of quotes
- The final paper contains no grammar or spelling errors.
- Made connections to the text

Expectations for artistic portion of activity:

- The content of the artwork clearly shows the important information from the book.
- The artist uses color in his/her work appropriately.
- The artwork is shown neatly on clean paper.
- Effort is evident in final product.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Don't delay! Start reading right away!
- Read one book in July and the other in August.
- If you don't like a book you chose, pick another if you have time.
- Have fun traveling the world through books.
- Keep your work in a safe place so you don't lose it.

**This brochure and response journal can be
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**Look inside to see how YOU
can travel the world through
your summer reading books.**

SUGGESTED BOOK LIST

You have the world at your fingertips when you READ!

The Americas

Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Salsa Stories by Lulu Delachre

A collection of stories within the story of a family celebration where the guests relate their memories of growing up in various Latin American countries. Also contains recipes.

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters.

Take Me to the River by Will Hobbs

Dylan is excited to join his cousin Rio in a white water rafting trip along the Mexican border, unaware of the danger that awaits them.

Robot Riot by Andy Griffiths

Robots are running amok in Northwest Southeast Central school! It all started as a harmless science experiment meant to prove whether or not the new girl in school is in fact a robot.

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick

Having lost his mother and his hearing, 12-year-old Ben leaves home to seek the father he never knew and meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life.

Europe

Yellow Star by Jennifer Roy

From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

The Darkside by Thomas Becker

Jonathan Starling's father is in an asylum and his home has been attacked when, while running away from kidnappers, he stumbles upon Darkside, a terrifying Jack the Ripper, where Jonathan is in mortal danger if he cannot find the way out.

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Asia/Pacific

Letters from Wolfie by Patti Sherlock

Certain that he is doing the right thing by donating his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam, thirteen-year-old Mark begins to have second thoughts when the Army refuses to say when and if Wolfie will ever return.

Ernest Shackleton: Grippled by the Antarctic

by Rebecca Johnson

A biography of Sir Ernest Shackleton, the daring, charismatic Antarctic explorer who fell short of his goal of crossing Antarctica, but accomplished a far greater feat by bringing every member of his crew back alive.

Shabanu by Suzanne Fisher Staples

When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

Africa/Middle East

The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

Young Parvana lives with her family in one room of a bombed-out apartment building in Kabul, Afghanistan. Because Parvana's father has a foreign education, he is arrested by the Taliban.

What About Me? by Ed Young

A young boy determinedly follows the instructions of the Grand Master in the hope of gaining knowledge, only to be surprised as how he acquires it. Based on a Sufi tale.

Youth in the Middle East: Voices of Despair by David Abodaher

Conversations with young people in the Middle East depict the political strife there and how it has affected their lives.

A Little Piece of Ground by Elizabeth Laird

During the Israeli occupation of Ramallah in the West Bank of Palestine, twelve-year-old Karim and his friends create a secret place for themselves where they momentarily forget the horrors of war.

Another World

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Nick of Time by Ted Bell

Nick McIver is no ordinary boy, fighting pirates, beating Nazis at their own game, and traveling through time.

Lily's Ghost by Laura Ruby

Strange goings-on at her great-uncle's summer home in Cape May, New Jersey, draw Lily and a new friend into a mystery involving lost treasure, a fake medium, and ghosts of all sizes, shapes, and dispositions.

Larklight by Philip Reeve

In an alternate Victorian England, young Arthur and his sister Myrtle, residents of Larklight, a floating house in one of Her Majesty's outer space territories, uncover a spidery plot to destroy the solar system.

Darkwing by Kenneth Oppel

Dusk, the world's first bat, must lead his colony to safety in a time of changing species.

Any book from the following series: Dear America, My Name is America, or Series of Unfortunate Events. **Any book by the following authors:** Laurie Halse Anderson, Avi, Matt Christopher, Andrew Clements, Eoin Colfer, Caroline Cooney, Sharon Creech, Kate DiCamillo, Lois Duncan, Jeanne DuPrau, Cornelia Funke, Jack Gantos, Andy Griffiths, Margaret Peterson Haddix, Gordon Korman, Lois Lowry, Walter Dean Myers, Donna Jo Napoli, Joan Lowery Nixon, Gary Paulsen, Katherine Paterson, Pam Munoz Ryan, Louis Sachar, Gary Soto, Lemony Snicket, Jerry Spinelli, Todd Strasser, Wendelin Van Draanen.

Nonfiction Authors: James Giblin, Russell Freedman, Jim Murphy, Milton Meltzer

EXCLUSIONS (BOOKS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE):

Twilight series, Harry Potter series, Wimpy Kid series, Naruto series, Hunger Games series, Goosebumps series, graphic novels of any kind.