

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 **eight** 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.

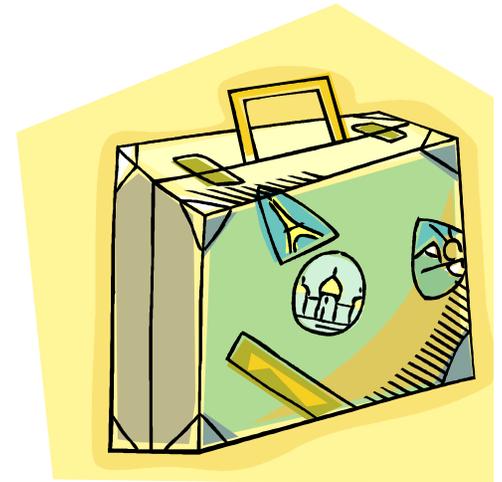
HELPFUL HINTS

- 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 downloaded at
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Woonsocket Middle School Mandatory Summer Reading For Students Entering 7th Grade



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

Shift by Jennifer Bradbury

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

The Red Blazer Girls by Michael D. Beil
Seventh-graders Sophie, Margaret, Rebecca, and Leigh Ann help an elderly neighbor solve a puzzle her father left for her estranged daughter twenty years ago.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt

While Doug, a baseball fan, struggles to be more than the thug people think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil, a library fan, as they explore Audubon's art.

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

When an accident leaves track star Jessica an amputee, she fights for a way to run again as well as find her identity outside of running.

The Keeper by Mal Peet

In an interview with a young journalist, World Cup hero, El Gato, describes his youth in the Brazilian rain forest and the events, experiences, and people that helped make him a great goalkeeper and renowned soccer star.

Europe

Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen and Robert Harris

As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie, daughter of the newly crowned Scottish king, is captured by England's King Edward Longshanks and held in a cage on public display.

Crispin: Cross of Lead by Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Incantation by Alice Hoffman

During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by Estrella's best friend, the consequences are tragic.

Asia/Pacific

Peeling the Onion by Wendy Orr

Following an automobile accident in which her neck is broken, a teenage karate champion begins a long and painful recovery with the help of her family.

Peak by Roland Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Keeping Corner by Kashmira Sheth

In India in the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband since age nine, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Gandhi's social and political reforms.

Africa/Middle East

Heaven Shop by Deborah Ellis

When 13-year-old Binti Phiri's coffin-making father dies, a grandmother she hardly knows says what no one in Malawi likes to admit: the man, like his wife, died of AIDS. Now orphaned, Binti and her siblings are sent to relatives far from home.

Under the Persimmon Tree by Suzanne Fisher

Staples

During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher who is awaiting her husband's return from Mazar-i-Sharif, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan.

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 can momentarily forget the horrors of war.

Another World

Heir Apparent by Vivian Vande Velde

While playing a total immersion virtual reality game of kings and intrigue, fourteen-year-old Giannine learns that demonstrators have damaged the equipment to which she is connected, and she must win the game quickly or be damaged herself.

The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen

In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Legend by Marie Lu

In a futuristic LA, June has joined the elite military of the Republic. Her first priority is to capture Day, the enigmatic rebel accused of her brother's senseless murder.

Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld

In an alternate 1914 Europe, fifteen-year-old Austrian Prince Alek, on the run from the Clunker Powers who are attempting to take over the globe, forms an uneasy alliance with Deryn who, disguised as a boy to join the British Air Service, is learning to fly genetically-engineered beasts.

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.