

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 **ten** 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.

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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

If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson
Fifteen-year-old Jeremiah, who is black and whose parents are separated, and Ellie, who is white and whose mother has twice abandoned her, fall in love and then try to cope with people's reactions.

Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case by Chris Crowe
Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.

A Hole in the World by Sid Hite
Fifteen-year-old Paul Shackelford experiences an eye-opening and transformative summer living and working on the central Virginia farm belonging to a distant relative, where everyone seems to be haunted by the death of a farmhand the year before.

Dairy Queen by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself.

Emako Blue by Brenda Woods
Monterey, Savannah, Jamal, and Eddie have never had much to do with each other until Emako Blue shows up at chorus practice, but just as the lives of the five Los Angeles high school students become intertwined, tragedy tears them apart.

Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

Europe

The Name of the Star by Maureen Johnson
Rory arrives at her London boarding school just as a "new" Jack the Ripper starts terrorizing the city. After a near-death experience, she sees things others do not. Is she crazy or did she really see the killer?

The Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow
In 1936, Ben Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Lina and her family are deported to a brutal Siberian labor camp in 1941 by invading Soviet troops – just for being educated Lithuanians.

Asia/Pacific

Carpe Diem by Autumn Cornwell
Sixteen-year-old Vassar Spore's detailed plans for the next twenty years of her life are derailed when her bohemian grandmother insists that she join her in Southeast Asia for the summer.

Climbing the Stairs by Padma Venkatraman
In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

Eyes of the Emperor by Graham Salisbury
Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

Africa/Middle East

Wishing Moon by Michael O. Tunnell
After a fourteen-year-old orphan named Aminah comes to possess a magic lamp, the wishes granted her by the genie inside it allow her to alter her life by choosing prosperity, purpose, and romance.

AK by Peter Dickinson
When a military coup occurs in the constantly war-torn African country of Nagala, teenage Paul is forced to flee into the open countryside to avoid enemy soldiers who seek his life.

Chandra's Wars by Allan Stratton
Chanda Kabelo, a teenaged African girl, must save her younger siblings after they are kidnapped and forced to serve as child soldiers in a rebel army.

Another World

Divergent by Veronica Roth
Beatrice lives in a future where she must choose between five factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she learns she doesn't belong in any one faction.

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Pearson
In future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Unwind by Neil Shusterman
In a future world where those between the ages of thirteen and eighteen can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs--and, perhaps, save their own lives.

The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
Elizabeth gets a job as a page at a special library. After gaining coveted access to the Grimm Collection, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures.

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve
A fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country.

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 Gribbin, Russell Freedman, Jim Murphy, Milton Meltzer

EXCLUSIONS (BOOKS THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE):
The Outsiders, Twilight series, Harry Potter series, Wimpy Kid series, Naruto series, Hunger Games series, Goosebumps series, graphic novels of any kind.