

2010-2011

Entering 7th and 8th grade Summer Reading Assignment

Required Reading: You may read any TWO of the following books.

TITLE	AUTHOR
<u>A Day No Pigs Would Die</u>	Gary Paulson
<u>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u>	Mark Twain
<u>Alabama Moon</u>	Watt Key
<u>Anne of Green Gables</u>	L.M. Montgomery
<u>Around the World in Eighty Days</u>	Jules Verne
<u>Boy Tales of Childhood</u>	Roald Dahl
<u>Caddie Woodlawn</u>	Carol Ryrie Brink
<u>Call It Courage</u>	Armstrong Sperry
<u>The Cay</u>	Roald Dahl
<u>Dacey's Song</u>	Cynthia Voight
<u>Dogsong</u>	Gary Paulsen
<u>Fablehaven</u>	Brandon Mull
<u>Harriet Tubman...Underground Railroad</u>	Ann Petry
<u>Hatchet</u>	Gary Paulsen
<u>How the West Was Won</u>	Louis L'Amour
<u>The Incredible Journey</u>	Sheila Bumford
<u>Johnny Tremain</u>	Esther Forbes
<u>Julie of the Wolves</u>	Jean Craighead George
<u>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</u>	Mildred Taylor
<u>Little Women</u>	Louisa May Alcott
<u>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</u>	C.S. Lewis
<u>Milkweed</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Out of the Dust</u>	Karen Hesse
<u>The Pigman</u>	Paul Zindel
<u>Summer of My German Soldier</u>	Bette Greene
<u>Summer of the Monkeys</u>	Wilson Rawls
<u>Taming the Star Runner</u>	S.E. Hinton
<u>Tangerine</u>	Edward Bloor
<u>Tears of a Tiger</u>	Sharon Draper
<u>That Was Then, This Is Now</u>	S.E. Hinton
<u>Treasure Island</u>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<u>True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u>	Avi
<u>Lord of the Rings Trilogy</u>	J.R.R. Tolkien
<u>White Fang</u>	Jack London
<u>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</u>	Elizabeth George Speare
<u>The Year Without Michael</u>	Susan Pfeffer

Assignment #1: 7th and 8th Grade Writing Assignment:

You will write a book review for ONE of the books you read this summer. I am looking forward to hearing about your personal response to the book. In your review include enough detail so I know you read carefully. I want to know what you think about this book.

The book review should detail your thoughts on one of the books from the summer reading list and it should be written in the following format:

Introduction: In the introduction you will need to include the basic information about the book such as the title (underlined), author and year of publication. This section should also include 2-3 sentences about the book and your overall opinion of the book. This gives the reader (me) an idea about the focus of the paper.

Plot: In the body of your paper you need to explain what the book is about. This is where you will give a basic plot summary. Provide a brief description of the setting, internal and external conflicts and main characters. In your plot summary include major events in the exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution.

Evaluation: This section of your report is your opinion. How did you like the book? What did you like or dislike about the book? (Be specific!) What are the book's strengths or weaknesses? Was there something missing? Is there something that you would have liked to have seen added? Is the writing effective, powerful, difficult to understand, beautiful? How did the book make you feel (saddened, hopeful, relieved, angry, etc.)? What events or characters made you feel this way? Which character do you find most appealing? This may not be the main character of the story. Tell me why this character appeals to you. Do you relate to this character? Give specific examples from the book to support your choice. Would you recommend the book to others? Why or why not? Be honest.

Conclusion: The conclusion is a chance for you to state any final thoughts or overall impression the book left you with. In the conclusion you will basically restate your opinion of the book. It doesn't have to be long. Only a few sentences are required.

- Your book review should be at least one and a half pages handwritten.
- Please use blue or black pen.
- Your book review will be collected on the first day of school.

Assignment #2: Create a movie poster for the second book you read this summer. Include the title and author of the book, a listing of the main characters and the contemporary actors who will play them, a drawing from a scene from the book, and a paragraph explaining what the movie is about.

Assignment #3: Everyone will take an AR test on both of the books they read when they return to school. These points will go towards your first quarter AR goal.