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Summer Reading 2023 Suggested Grades 6–8 Book List

Fiction

- Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi
- Asylum by Madeleine Roux
- The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate Dicamillo
- Close to Nowhere by Ellen Hopkins
- Deal Breaker by Harlan Coben
- Drop Shot by Harlan Coben
- Don't Play Dead Before You Have To by Maia Wojciechowska
- Fade Away by Harlan Coben
- Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien
- Impostors by Scott Westerfeld
- The Last Cuentista by Donna Barber Higuera
- The List of Things that will not Change by Rebecca Stead
- Mustaches for Maddie by Chad Morris and Shelly Brown
- The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S by David Levithan
- Nevermoor: The Trails of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend
- The Other Half of Happy by Rebecca Balcarcel
- Out of my Mind by Sharon M. Draper
- Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca
- Redwood and Ponytail by KA Holt
- Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac
- The River Between Us by Richard Peck
- A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
- Star-Crossed by Barbara Dee
- Starfish by Lisa Fipps
- Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Alborn
- We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly
- The View from Saturday by EL Konigsburg

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Graphic Novels

- Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- New Kid by Jerry Craft
- The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Sheets by Brenna Thummler
- Snapdragon by Kat Leyh
- Stargazing by Jen Wang

Non-Fiction

- All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat
- Ambushed!: The Assassination Plot Against President Garfield by Gail Jarrow
- Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming
- Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre by Brandy Colbert
- The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Eugene Yelchin
- How We Got to the Moon by John Rocco
- Lafayette!: a Revolutionary War Tale by Nathan Hale
- March, Book One by John Lewis
- Race to the Bottom of the Earth: Surviving Antarctica by Rebecca E. F. Barone
- Yummy: A History of Desserts by Victoria Grace Elliot

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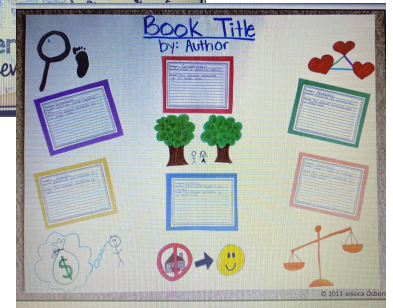
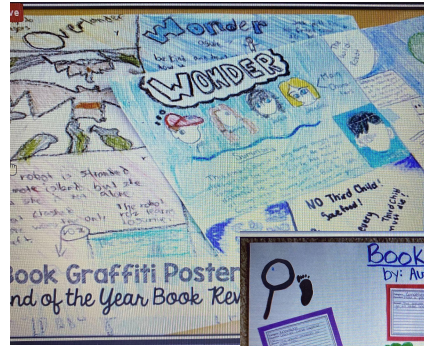
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Grade 6 Book Review Assignment

Summer Reading Assignment

Complete a Book Review Poster

Readers share the books they read with others. After you read, you are going to create a poster to let other readers know about your book. You will review your book and rate your book. Your poster must have 7 sections. You can organize it and decorate it any way you want to. In addition to the required sections, make sure your poster is neat, creative, and colorful.



- Choose a Book; This book can be fiction or nonfiction
- Section 1: Title, Author, Genre of the book
- Section 2: Describe the setting in detail (where and when the story takes place)
- Section 3: Summarize the story in 6-8 sentences.
- Section 4: Discuss a character from the book whom you connect with personally. Include character traits and explain why you connect with this character.
- Section 5: Discuss the big idea (theme). What is the message the author is trying to teach you?

- Section 6: Rate the text on a 5 star scale ★★★★★
- Section 7: Use your power of persuasion to "sell" or "advertise" your text.

*You can type or write each section. If you write, make sure you write neatly and clearly!

*Be prepared to share your poster with the class when you come back to school.

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7th Grade - Summer Reading 2023



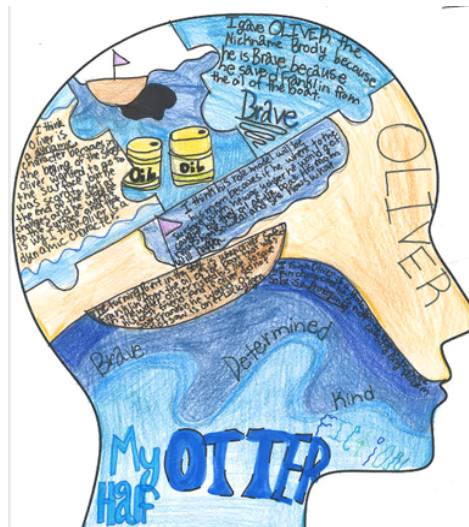
Please complete the Summer Reading assignment by 9/18/23.

Readers understand characters and consider how and why they change. As you read, mark places in your book with Post-its that help you understand one of the characters. These post-it's/notes will help you when you begin creating your character silhouette. Your character's silhouette must provide information about the character. You can organize and decorate it any way you want. In addition to the required information, make sure your character's silhouette is neat, creative, and colorful! The quality of work reflects your knowledge and understanding of the character.

- 1) Choose a fiction book to read.
- 2) Take notes about the character.
- 3) Use the checklist below to guide you as you create your character's silhouette.

Decorate your character's silhouette with the following information:

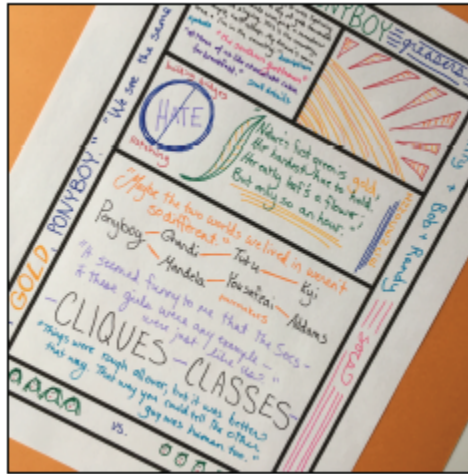
- ☐ Character's name is written in large font
- ☐ Title, author, and genre of the novel or story
- ☐ One significant quote about the character
- ☐ Two images that are relevant to the character (concrete or abstract)
- ☐ Three adjectives that describe the character
- ☐ The character's nickname in the story or one you create
- ☐ An explanation of the character's role in the story (Dynamic or Static)
- ☐ A brief description of a turning point event involving the character
- ☐ An attractive color scheme with virtually no white space
- ☐ Legible text that is attractive and neat (The final text is not written in pencil.)



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8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment



Choose any grade level appropriate book that you would like to read, OR one from the suggested 8th grade titles and complete the following One Pager Project.

One Pager Directions

A one pager is a way to visually share key ideas and information from what you have learned. When you create a one pager, you are trying to use both visual symbols and important words to clearly and concisely share your most important takeaways with someone else.

For this one pager, I've provided you with a template.

Here's what it *MUST* INCLUDE:

- A border of key quotations from the text
- The top half should focus on symbolism and themes from the text, including both words and images.
- The bottom half should focus on key characters from the text and how they develop, change, and interact. It should also include both words and images.

You may also add other symbols, drawings, and words that represent the reading as you wish.

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Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

Summer Reading One Pager Project

Title and Author of your Summer Reading Novel: _____
