

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Summer 2023

Students will read two books over the course of the summer- an assigned book and any one of the following. It must be a book you've not read before.

Book List

God's Smuggler- Brother Andrew (REQUIRED)

Choose one of the following as your second book.

I Am Malala- Young Reader's Edition by Malala Yousafi and Patricia McCormick

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- Young Reader's Edition by William Kamkwamba and Brian Mealer. This book takes place during a famine. Skip chapter 7 if you are sensitive to the death of people or animals.

Holes- Louis Sachar

The Outsiders- S.E. Hinton

The Call of the Wild- London

The Secret Garden- Frances Hodgson Burnett

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table- Roger Lancelyn Green

The Black Stallion- Walter Farley

Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret- Judy Blume

The Sign of the Beaver- Elizabeth George Speare

Around the World in Eighty Days- Verne

Little Women- Alcott

Assignment: Due the first day of class with Mrs. Burns

Directions: Read both books. I encourage parents to read with their child. Once you've completed your reading then proceed to the written portion.

Answer the following questions for both books. These should be neatly typed or neatly handwritten in blue or black ink and with the correct heading and title. Please number each question and answer in complete sentences.

1. Give the **title** and **author** of the book and the **date** you finished reading.
2. When and where does the story take place? (**setting**) What other events were happening in the world during this time period? (**context**)
3. Who is/are the **main character(s)** ? Who is the **opposing character/situation** who/that causes/makes challenges for the main character?
4. What are some of the **hardships or challenges** the main character faces? Refer to at least **two specific events** in the story.
5. What does the main character **learn about himself/herself** and life as he/she faces challenges and hardships? (Ex: patience, determination, acceptance of others, etc.) Use at least **three specific examples** from the story to support your answer.

For questions 6 and 7 write a paragraph that is 8-10 sentences long. Give examples from the book to support your answers. You may write more if you wish. This paragraph is on a separate sheet of paper. Answer the following:

6. **What is the theme?** : the major overarching or underlying idea in a literary work. An idea the author repeats and is significant for readers to consider (ex: love, friendship, bitterness, hatred, despair, suffering, marriage, hope, death, faith, etc.)
7. **Are there any symbols or symbol?** An object representing another to give it deeper and more significant meaning that is different from the literal sense. Sometimes an idea, event or action can have symbolic value). Examples: dove symbolize peace; rose could symbolize love, a chain could symbolize union or imprisonment, etc.