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7th Grade Class: _____



7th Grade ELA Summer Reading Homework

Welcome, 7th graders! Summer is the perfect time to dive into books! There are so many great books to read, and this assignment will let us teachers get to know you as readers at the very beginning of the new school year.



Part ONE: In addition to the school-wide read, *Outcasts United*, please read **THREE MORE BOOKS!**

You may choose books from the list below, or select your own. You may read any genre of fiction: historical, realistic, science-fiction, fantasy, or mystery; or, if you prefer, you may read non-fiction books about your topics of choice.

For more book suggestions for kids and teens, go to **brooklynpubliclibrary.org** and click on their booklists on the home page.

- *Ghost*, by Jason Reynolds
- *Wolf Hollow*, by Lauren Wolk
- *Feathers or Brown Girl Dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Graceling*, by Kristin Cashore
- *Eleanor and Park*, by Rainbow Rowell
- *Fever 1793*, by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Breadwinner*, by Deborah Ellis
- *Step up to the Plate*, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami
- *When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead
- *The Golden Compass*, by Phillip Pullman
- *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Uprising*, by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shedderly
- *I am Malala*, by Malala Yousafza
- *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*, by Pablo Cartaya

★ Choose one book that seems especially interesting and thought-provoking. As you read, jot and take notes about the events, and track how the main character changes or grows throughout the book.

★ You may use the "signposts" for your notes. They are: Contrasts & contradictions, aha moments, tough questions, words of the wiser, again and again, and memory moments.

Write your list of summer reading books here: More? Add them to the back page!

1. _____ by _____
2. _____ by _____
3. _____ by _____
4. _____ by _____

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PART TWO: Look over your notes and think about an important theme or central idea you noticed. Write a TEAL paragraph (*Topic sentence; Evidence from the text; Analysis; Last sentence to wrap up*) that identifies and explains the theme. Remember to use at least **two** examples and **explain** how those two examples support the central idea/theme.

Please type and print out your paragraph, or neatly write it on loose leaf paper.

PART THREE: Now get creative in responding to the novel. Use our menu of options below. *Plot summaries are not allowed!*

Here are some possible formats and topics to consider. Mix and match to show off your creativity and thinking about the book!

| FORMAT (choose one) | TOPIC (choose one) |
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| Visual (painting, drawing, poster, collage) Timeline Chart 3-D (Diorama, sculpture, model) Letter to ...(character, author) Multi-media (movie, music, Powerpoint) Inspired by... poem, story, extra chapter | Key scene Important character relationships Setting Character growth/change Theme Important quotes Connection to a real-world issue |