

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
SEVENTH GRADE ENGLISH

Dear Seventh Graders,

In the upcoming school year, we will work on becoming better readers. This summer I want you to do three things with your summer reading to work toward this goal. I have listed them below.

1. Choose **ANY FICTION** book you want to read. Just make sure that you haven't read it before and that it is a good fit for you. What makes a book a good fit? You are interested in it, and there are only 2-3 hard words on a random page.

2. When you finish reading, answer the questions on the "Reading Questions" sheet. Do not spend more than 45 minutes on this.

3. At the beginning of the year, we will have a Book Speed Dating session where you will learn about the books your classmates read over the summer. Prepare for Book Speed Dating by completing the "Book Speed Dating" packet. (Do not fill in the "Book Love Interest" boxes on the packet; we will do that during our speed dating.)

I hope you enjoy your book and your summer. I am looking forward to meeting all of you next year and to hearing about the wonderful books you read!

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Hensley

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When you return to school, there will be some questions over the book that you'll answer in class.

Name: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author of Book: _____

Reading Questions

Answer the following questions about your book in complete sentences.

1. What are the most important moments in this story? Why are these the most important moments?
2. Analyze the main character.
3. What themes does the author develop in this story?
4. What sorts of “writerly choices” did the author make in their writing? Why do you think the author chose to do these things in their writing?

("Writerly choices" include such things as character development, imagery, description, dialogue, internal thinking, foreshadowing, flashback, flash-forward, lead/ending, structure, repetition, punctuation, varied sentence length, and turning point, but this is not all of the "writerly choices" an author can make.)