

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment – 2021 - 2022

Dear Students,

We are so excited to work with you in 7th grade next year, and we are eagerly preparing for our classes with you in September!

Over the summer, please read two (2) books. The first book must be ***Brown Girl Dreaming***, by Jacqueline Woodson. For the other book, please choose from the suggested reading list attached to this handout. If you have already read one of the books, please choose another one. You should be reading two new books over the summer.



“Brown Girl Dreaming tells the story of my childhood, in verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, I always felt halfway home in each place. In these poems, I share what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and my growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. It also reflects the joy of finding my voice through writing stories, despite the fact that I struggled with reading as a child. My love of stories inspired and stayed with me, creating the first sparks of the writer I was to become.”-- Jacqueline Woodson

After you finish the second novel of your choice, please complete a one pager, see example provided. All work must be completed for the first day of school. Remember that your one pager is **not** on the required text, rather the book you picked from the list below.

One Pager

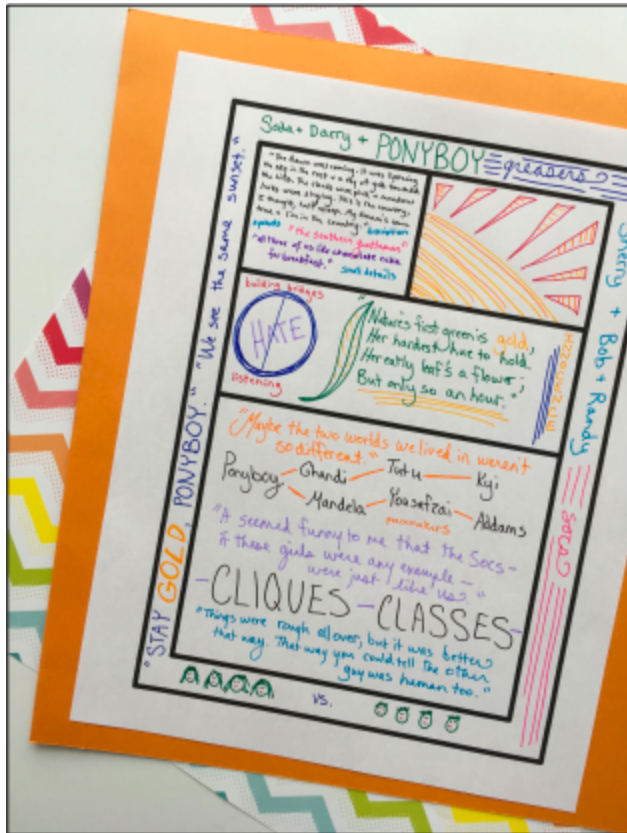
A one pager is a way to visually share key ideas and information from what you have learned. When you create a one pager, you are trying to use both visual symbols and important words to clearly and concisely share your most important takeaways with someone else.

For this one pager, we’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.

Example of a one pager:

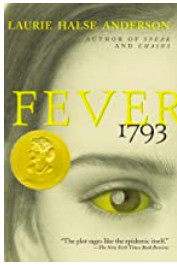


This assignment is due on the first day of school. Should you misplace your assignment, you can always access this information on our BWL website at http://www.bwl.org/middle_school, or you can email Mrs. Poloner at lpoloner@gbwl.org, Mr. Bennett at cody.bennett@gbwl.org, or Geoff Pictor at geoff.pictor@gbwl.org.

Sincerely,

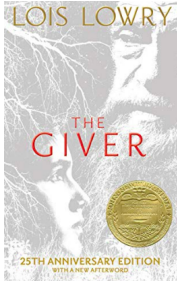
Your 7th Grade teachers

7th Grade Reading List (Choose one)



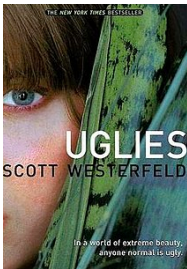
Fever 1793—Laurie R. King.

Young Mattie Cook, living in Philadelphia, struggles with the aftermath of the American Revolution and the onslaught of the plague. Read about her fight for survival (Historical Fiction)



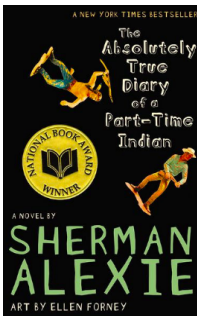
The Giver—Lois Lowry.

In this futuristic novel, Jonas must cope with his “assignment” which sets him apart from the rest of his community, something he knows to be very dangerous. (Science Fiction)



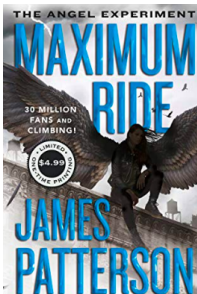
Uglies—Scott Westerfeld.

Set in a futuristic society, this novel follows Tally, an "ugly" who is trying to survive in a society out to control her every move, including one day making her a "pretty". (Science Fiction)



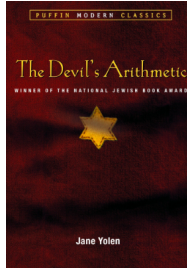
*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**—Sherman Alexie.

This novel chronicles the life of Arnold Spirit, aka Junior, a Spokane Indian from Wellpinit, WA. When a teacher pleads with this bright fourteen-year-old to escape the hopelessness of “the rez,” Arnold switches to a rich white school and immediately becomes as much an outcast in his own community as he is a curiosity in his new one. Through art and soul-searching, he figures out where he truly belongs. (Multicultural Fiction) *Adult content



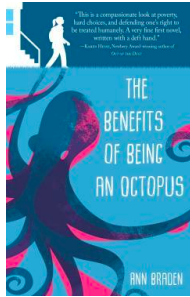
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment—James Patterson

This action packed novel has a group of unique kids on the run from an organization. They are fiercely loyal to one another and work to find a way to survive in the wilderness while uncovering the mystery of this secret organization. A story of friendship and survival that will keep you on the edge of your seat! (Science Fiction)



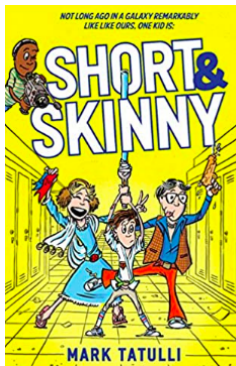
The Devil's Arithmetic- Jane Yolen

Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.(Historical Fiction)



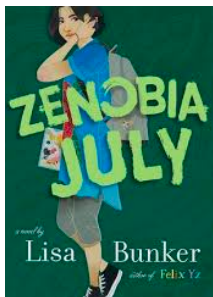
The Benefits of Being an Octopus- Ann Braden

Some people can do their homework. Some people get to have crushes on boys. Some people have other things they've got to do. This moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward.- Provided by the author



Short and Skinny- Mark Tatulli

"As a middle schooler, Mark finds himself on the smaller side of the physical spectrum--being short AND skinny has really wreaked havoc on his confidence. So to end his bullying woes and get the girl--or at least the confidence to talk to the girl--he starts to explore bulking up by way of the miracle cures in the backs of his comics. But his obsession with beefing up is soon derailed by a new obsession: Star Wars, the hottest thing to hit the summer of 1977. As he explores his creative outlets as well as his cures to body image woes, Mark sets out to make his own stamp on the film that he loves"--Provided by publisher. (Graphic Novel)



Zenobia July- Lisa Bunker

Zenobia July, an excellent coder and hacker, investigates a mystery while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and presenting her true gender for the first time. (Realistic Fiction)

One Pager Template
