

Summer Reading assignments for Grade 7

Due date: by Friday, September 3, 2021

You will be reading two books. Use the suggested reading list to make your selections.
Please read at least one book from the list.

For one of the books, choose one of the following projects:

1. Create an illustrated map of the places that the characters go to within the book
 - a. Be sure to identify the place by name
 - b. Include at least 6 places
 - c. Be sure to explain in writing the meaning of the place
2. Make an illustrated timeline of the events in the book
 - a. Include at least 8 events
 - b. Give a brief written explanation of the event
 - c. Include a few illustrations related to the events
3. Write a “story poem” about events/characters from the story- retell key details from the book in the form of a poem. Rhyme is up to you.
4. Create a comic strip of the events in the book
 - a. Include at least 8 events
 - b. Put in some writing/dialogue between the characters to help explain what is happening in the book

******* For whichever project you choose, include the title and author of the book.**

For the other book, write a book log

Be sure to include title and author

****** no need to print this. When you are finished, please turn this book log in through the 7th Grade Summer Work Classroom.**

Here is the code to that classroom:

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On that classroom, look for the assignment for the ELA summer reading book log . Turn in your book log there.

1. Describe either your favorite scene/event or describe your favorite character- this should be written as a detailed paragraph.
2. Give your opinion of the book- did you like/dislike it? Why/why not?

7th Grade Summer Reading List 2021

The Akhenaten Adventure

Series: **Children of the Lamp**

Book #1 by **P. B. Kerr**

Meet John and Philippa Gaunt, twelve-year-old twins who one day discover themselves to be descended from a long line of djinn. All of a sudden, they have the power to grant wishes, travel to extraordinary places, and make people and objects disappear. Luckily, the twins are introduced to their eccentric djinn-uncle Nimrod, who will teach them how to harness their newly found power. And not a moment too soon, since John and Philippa are about to embark on a search to locate a monstrous pharaoh named Akhenaten and his eerie tomb.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers there are secrets that will change everything. First in a series.

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound by Andrea Davis Pinkney

A narrative history of the Motown record label: the business, the music, the people, and the historical, political, and cultural context of its times.

Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson Dial The summer before the start of junior high, Astrid notices her BFF is drifting away and Roller Derby camp is proving tougher than she had thought! Is she tough enough to lose one as she works hard on the other? For fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*, this is a heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby.

The Great Greene Heist by Varian Johnson Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

***** These books are Rhode Island Middle School Book Award Winners or Nominees

Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald***** Teddy Youngblood gets injured and falls into a coma after football practice. Teddy's family, friends, and community wants to know if it was just an accident- or was it done on purpose? Readers are able to follow along

with the characters as they unravel the mystery of what really happened on that fateful day. Realistic Fiction

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden ***** Ollie finds herself in possession of a mysterious book after she snatched it from an odd woman crying by the river. The book warns her to “Avoid larger spaces. Keep to small.” Little does she know that these words will guide her on a twisted, hair-raising adventure after a field trip gone wrong threatens the lives of her and her classmates. Horror/suspense

Top Prospect by Paul Volponi ***** He’s a standout QB by the time he reaches middle school, and he’s prepared to put everything into the game: blood, sweat, and tears. When Travis’s older brother joins the elite football program at Gainesville University, Gainesville’s head coach makes Travis a once-in-a-lifetime promise: Travis will have a place on the team too, and a scholarship to go with it. He just has to make it through high school first. As Travis starts ninth grade, he’ll have to earn his teammates’ trust and dodge opponents aiming to sack the star quarterback. But his biggest challenge might be staying focused in the face of sudden fame.

Refugee by Alan Gratz ***** A heart-wrenching escape story, a coming-of-age tale, a treatise on the hopes and traumas of refugees the world over—with the civil war in Syria still raging and immigration a hot-button issue across the world, *Refugee* could not be more timely.

A Blind Guide to Stinkville by Beth Verbel ***** Alice is a character who desperately wants to show the people around her that she can accomplish her goals regardless of her condition, and many individuals will be able to relate to her. Written in the first person, this is a very enjoyable story.

Garvey’s Choice by Nikki Grimes ***** Garvey’s father has always wanted Garvey to be athletic, but Garvey is interested in astronomy, science fiction, reading—anything but sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely.

The Skeleton Tree by Iain Lawrence ***** Chris and Frank, almost perfect strangers, are stranded in the Alaskan wilderness after a boating accident. Will they be able to survive without any supplies and winter quickly approaching?

New Kid by Jerry Craft ***** Jordan just wants to go to art school and make comics, but his parents send him to an exclusive private school instead. He tries to find his place

as one of the few students of color in his class, navigating life between his Washington Heights neighborhood and Riverdale Academy Day School. Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel.

Winterhouse by Ben Guterson**** Elizabeth has always felt alone in the world, but when her wicked aunt and uncle send her to the cursed Winterhouse Hotel, she discovers a world of puzzles, secrets, and adventures she could never have imagined. Mystery.

These two books are Audiobook recommended. It is fine to use Audiobook for summer reading.

Greetings from Witness Protection! by Jake Burt ****In this funny, action packed page-turner, foster child Nick Demere is recruited by the US Marshals to help a family in witness protection hide in plain sight. Realistic fiction.

The Truth as Told By Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor **** Mason Buttle has always been a bit of an outcast, but after his best friend was killed in Mason's own backyard, life has gone from bad to worse. With the odds stacked against him, Mason will have to fight back against a suspicious town with the only weapon he has: the truth. Realistic fiction