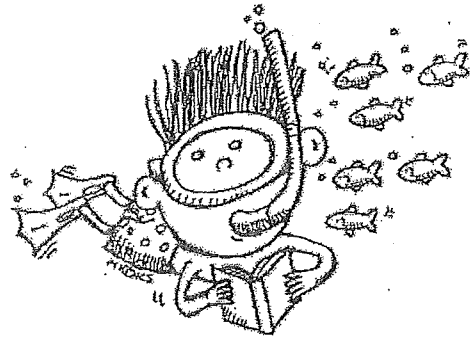


# 7<sup>th</sup> Graders...

# Dive into a Good Book!!



Dear Parents/Guardians,

According to research, reading by students during the summer consistently correlates to academic gains the following school year. Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read one book of their choice over the summer. In choosing summer reading, students must abide by the following guidelines:

- Choose a fiction or nonfiction book that they have not previously read
- The book must be 200 pages or more
- Nonfiction books must also be 200 pages minimum and resemble a novel

The assessment for each student's book will take place in the form of an essay. The essay should be written upon the completion of the student's book. Students should write the essay using the writing paper provided OR type the essay and staple to this summer reading packet. Guidelines for writing the essay are attached. **Students will bring the completed planning pages and essay with them on the first day of school.**

In addition, a report planning page to be completed after your child reads his or her chosen book is also attached. This will help your child to organize their thoughts before writing the essay. **Along with the essay, students must bring the completed summer reading report planning page with them on the first day of school.**

We are looking forward to meeting the new seventh grade class this fall. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Seventh Grade Language Arts Teachers

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Due: First Day of School

# Summer Reading Report

## Summer Reading Information:

Book \_\_\_\_\_ Author \_\_\_\_\_



Pages \_\_\_\_\_ Difficulty: \_\_\_\_\_ Easy \_\_\_\_\_ Just Right \_\_\_\_\_ Challenging

Genre: \_\_\_\_\_ Fantasy \_\_\_\_\_ Science Fiction \_\_\_\_\_ Realistic Fiction  
\_\_\_\_\_ Historical Fiction \_\_\_\_\_ Mystery \_\_\_\_\_ Informational (Nonfiction)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Biography \_\_\_\_\_ Autobiography \_\_\_\_\_ Series Book

**Directions:** Write a letter to your teacher about the book that you read for summer reading. Be sure to follow the proper format listed below. Your letter should be three complete paragraphs. You may write your letter on the attached paper, or you may type it and attach. Be sure to write in complete sentences with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

### ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Paragraph- Introduction

- Catchy Topic Sentence
- Identify Following: Title and Author of Book, Total Pages in Book, Genre, and Difficulty Level (*Easy, Just Right, Challenging?*)
- Explain How You Picked the Book
- Brief Statement Describing What the Book Is About

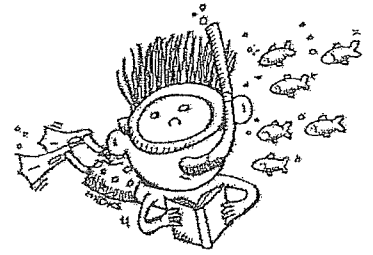
### ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph- Summary Discussion

- Write a well-developed summary of the book you read IN DETAIL
- Include and explain at least five major details reflecting the plot
- Include introductory and closing sentences

### ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph- Connection

- **Connect the book that you chose for summer reading to a personal experience you have had, another book that you have read, a movie/television show, or event in the real world.**
  - **Identify Type of Connection** (Text-to-Self, Text-to-Text, Text-to-Media, or Text-to-World)
  - **Explain Connection to Book** (How does your connection relate back to the book?)
  - Include introductory and closing sentences

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_



# Summer Reading Report Brainstorm

## Paragraph #1

- ❖ Total Pages in Book \_\_\_\_\_ Genre \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Difficulty Level (Easy, Just Right, Challenging?) \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ How did you select this book to read?
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Write one sentence to describe what this book was mostly about...
  - \_\_\_\_\_

## Paragraph #2

- ❖ Prepare a summary of the book that you read by recording five details from the book
  - Detail #1  
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  - Detail #2  
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\_\_\_\_\_
  - Detail #3  
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  - Detail #4  
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  - Detail #5  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Paragraph #3**

❖ Write a connection that you can make between this book and a personal experience, another book, a movie/television show, or event in the real world...

○ My Connection:

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❖ What type of connection is this? (Text-to-Self, Text-to-Text, Text-to-Media, Text-to-World?)

○ Type of Connection: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ How does this connection relate back to the book?

○ \_\_\_\_\_

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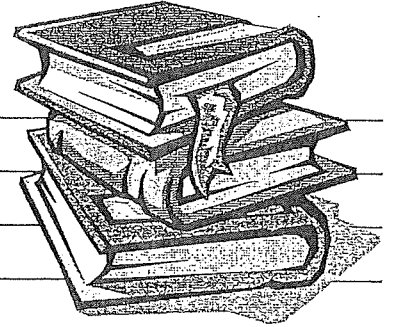
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# Summer Reading Report

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher,



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