

Grade 6 2023 Summer Reading Assignment/List

Required Reading for all students: *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Main Summer Reading Essay Assignment:

Please write a five-paragraph essay and outline in which you explore and analyze one of the themes you have encountered in *Wonder* (for example, themes include: family, appearances, isolation, friendship, kindness, courage, coming of age, etc.). Please take some time to organize your thoughts and write the outline first.

Your essay must include:

1. An introduction with: A clear hook/lead and the title and author of the book you are discussing
2. The title and author of the book you are discussing.
3. A well formulated thesis statement: the thesis statement must state the theme you wish to analyze and explore.
4. Three Body Paragraphs with: 1. Topic Sentences 2. Explanation and logic of the theme you have chosen.
5. A well written conclusion.

Second Reading Assignment:

1. Choose one book from the suggested reading list below
2. Please write 4 paragraphs in which you present a summary and opinion of the book you selected from the reading list (five sentences per paragraph).
3. This second piece of writing should be formatted as follows:

An introduction with:

1. A clear topic/leading sentence. title and author of the book. (1st paragraph)
2. A summary of the book. (2 paragraphs)
3. Your opinion/reflection on the book – likes, dislikes, commendations, critiques, and evidence from the book to support your opinion. (Last paragraph)

Recommended Summer Reading:

Fiction:

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

Leviathan by Paul Westerfield

What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Countdown by Deborah Wiles

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Fantasy/Science Fiction:

The Alchemist by Michael Scott
Impossible by Nancy Werlin

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to a Nation: Volume One by M.T. Anderson

Graceling by Kristen Cashore

Ship Breaker by Paola Bacigalupi

Watership Down by Richard Adams

20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells

The Little Prince by Antoine De Saint-Exupery

The False Prince by Jennifer Nielson

Classics:

The Red Pony by John Steinbeck

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Non-Fiction:

The Real Benedict Arnold, by Jim Murphy

Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman

Mao's Last Dancer by Li Cunxin

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor

B95 by Phillip Hoose

Poetry:

Swan: Poems and Prose Poems by Mary Oliver

Delights and Shadows: Poems by Ted Kooser

Boris by Cynthia Rylant