

Grade 6 2026 Summer Reading Assignment/Book List

Required Reading for all students: *The Cricket in Times Square* by George Seldon

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3. **Main Summer Reading Essay Assignment:**
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Please write and then type a four paragraph essay and outline in which you explore one of the themes you have encountered in *The Cricket in Times Square* (for example, themes include: **friendship, value of home, and adaptation to new environments**). Please take some time to organize your thoughts and write an outline first.

Your essay must include: (This is your outline example)

1. A cover page.
2. An introduction with: The title and author of the book/theme you are discussing.
3. Body Paragraph 1: Discuss the theme you chose by presenting 1 piece of evidence of the theme in the book.
4. Body Paragraph 2: Discuss the theme you chose by presenting 1 piece of evidence of the theme in the book.
5. Body Paragraph 3: Discuss the theme you chose by presenting 1 piece of evidence of the theme in the book.
6. Conclusion: The conclusion should revisit your theme, pieces of evidence, and have a conclusion statement.

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2. **Second Reading Assignment:**

1. Choose one book from the suggested reading list below.
2. Please write 3 paragraphs in which you present a summary and opinion of the book you selected.
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. (1 paragraph) (5-7 sentences.)
2. A summary of the book. (1 paragraph) (5-7 sentences.)
3. Your opinion/reflection on the book – likes, dislikes, commendations, critiques, and evidence from the book to support your opinion. (5-7 sentences)

Recommended Summer Reading: For Second Essay

Fiction:

What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

Countdown by Deborah Wiles

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

Rules: by Cynthia Lord

Fantasy/Science Fiction:

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Graceling by Kristen Cashore

Ship Breaker by Paola Bacigalupi

Watership Down by Richard Adams

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

A Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Non-Fiction:

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

The Mayflower by Kate Messner

Knots in my Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid

Marley Dias Gets it Done And So you Can by Marley Dias

Titanic: Voices from Disaster by Debrorah Hopkinson

Poetry:

Swan: Poems and Prose Poems by Mary Oliver

Delights and Shadows: Poems by Ted Kooser

Boris by Cynthia Rylant