

Grade 7 Summer Reading List 2019

Required Summer Reading for all students:

Chains by Laura Halse Anderson

Students will select one or more other texts from the reading list.

Recommended Books:

Fiction:

Milkweed: A Novel by Jerry Spinelli

If I Stay by Gayle Forman

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson

A Voice of Her Own: Becoming Emily Dickinson by Barbara Dana

Heart of a Champion: A Novel by Carl Deuker

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

Son by Lois Lowry

Fantasy and Science Fiction:

Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast by Robin McKinley

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman

Historical Fiction:

Dragon's Gate by Laurence Yep

Nightjohn by Gary Paulson

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

Non- Fiction:

The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb by Edward T. Sullivan

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally M. Walker

Mystery and Adventure:

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Biography/Memoir:

I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust by Livia Bitton Jackson

Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI by Ryan Smithson

Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China during the Cultural Revolution by Moying Li

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories about Growing up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka

Poetry:

You and Yours by Naomi Shihab Nye

The Trouble with and Other Poems by Billy Collins

Grade 7 *Chains* Summer Essay Assignment

Please write a four-paragraph essay **and** outline in which you explore and analyze one of the themes you have encountered in *Chains*.

Please take some time to organize your thoughts and write the outline **first**. Make sure the outline contains your thesis, main points, and evidence. The outline must be stapled to your essay.

Your essay must include:

An introduction with:

1. A clear hook/lead
2. The title and author of the text you are discussing
3. A well formulated thesis statement: the thesis statement must state the theme you wish to analyze and explore.

Two Body Paragraphs with:

1. Topic Sentences
2. Explanation and logic
3. Textual evidence in MLA format “.....” (Halse Anderson 12)
4. Explanation of the evidence
5. Discourse Markers/Transitional Words
6. A concluding statement

A Conclusion with:

1. A restatement of the thesis in different words
2. Implications/Observations/Questions

This essay format should look **very** familiar to all you. Take this opportunity to think about the text, formulate a clear argument, and utilize strong textual evidence for support. I look forward to reading your analysis in September!

Grade 7 Secondary Reading Assignment

Please write 1-2 paragraphs in which you present a summary and opinion of the book you selected from the reading list.