

Grade 7 2023 Summer Reading Assignment

Required Summer Reading for all students: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls

Grade 7 2023 Main Summer Essay Assignment:

Please write a five-paragraph essay and outline in which you explore and analyze one of the themes you have encountered in *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Your essay must include:

An introduction with: 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 (e.g family, determination, mans relationship to animals, love, and loyalty).

4., Three Body Paragraphs with:

1. Topic Sentences

2. Explanation and logic 3. Textual evidence in MLA format “.....” (Rawls, 12)

4. Explanation of the evidence

5. A well written conclusion.

Grade 7 Secondary Reading Assignment: Choose one book from the suggested reading list to complete your second reading assignment.

Please write 5 paragraphs in which you present a summary and opinion of the book you selected from the reading list (five sentences per paragraph).

This second piece of writing should be formatted as follows:

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 Books for 2nd Reading assignment:

Fiction:

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

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:

Murder on The Orient Express 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 Other Poems by Billy Collins