



7th Grade Language Arts 2018-19 Summer Homework

Students work hard to improve their reading skills during the school year, and we hate to see “summer slide” diminish those gains. In order to keep students’ minds sharp over the summer, **students are required to read a novel of their choice**. Students must complete a written assignment to demonstrate their comprehension and analysis of the text. Students may choose one of the following assignments to complete for their novel:

OPTION #1: Double-entry Journal

Keep a double-entry journal in which you record quotes from your book and your own analysis of the quotes. (See attached example and rubric.) Your comments may include: questions (and speculation about the answers), inferences about character traits, predictions, connections to the text, analysis of author’s style, etc.

OPTION #2: Character Diary

Write a diary from the perspective of a character in your book. (See attached example and rubric.) You should create at least five substantial entries that reflect knowledge of the story’s plot and the character’s feelings throughout the book. *Have fun with it!*

Submit your assignment by logging into your DPS Google account and joining the Google classroom called “7th Grade Language Arts Summer HW” using the code: **k2v3zsm**

**If submitting the assignment(s) digitally will be challenging for you, you may bring a handwritten copy on the first day of school.*

****Students expecting to enroll in Honors Language Arts must complete one double-entry journal AND one character diary (using a different book for each).**

Important notes regarding selection of books:

Students are free to choose any novel to read for the assignment; an extensive list of recommended titles is available on Skinner’s website. It is important that students choose a book at an appropriate level. The assignment is less meaningful if a student uses a book below his or her level. Generally, students should encounter 3-5 “clunks” (unknown words) per page in order to be sufficiently challenged in thinking through the text.

Summer homework is due on the first day of school. We look forward to a productive year and expect that completion of summer homework will prepare students for a strong start!

Sincerely,

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