

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Summer 2024

Students will read two books over the course of the summer: an assigned book and any one of the books listed below.

Book List

The Sign of the Beaver-Elizabeth George Spear (REQUIRED)

Choose one of the following as your second book.

I Am Malala- Young Reader's Edition by Malala Yousafi and Patricia McCormick

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- Young Reader's Edition By William Kamkwamba and Brian Mealer. This book takes place during a famine. Skip chapter 7 if you are sensitive to the death of people or animals.

The Call of the Wild- Jack London

Around the World in Eighty Days- Verne

Little Women- Alcott

Summer of the Monkeys- Wilson Rawls

A Place to Belong- Cynthia Kadohata

Water ship Down- Richard Adams

Assignment: Due the first day of class with Mrs. Burns

Directions: Read **both** books. I encourage parents to read with their child. Once you've completed your reading than proceed to the written portion.

Answer the following questions for **both** books. These should be typed or neatly handwritten in blue or black ink with the correct heading and title. Please number each question and answer in complete sentences.

1. Give the **title** and **author** of the book and the **date** you finished reading.
2. When and where does the story take place? **Setting** What other events were happening in the world during the novel's time period?
3. Who is/are the **main character(s)**? Who is the **opposing character/situation** who/that causes/makes challenges for the main character?
4. What are some of the **hardships or challenges** the main character faces? Refer to at least **two specific events** in the story.

5. What does the main character **learn about himself/herself** and **life** as he/she faces challenges and hardships? (Examples: patience, determination, acceptance of others, etc). List at least **three specific examples** from the story to support your answer.

For questions **6** and **7** write a paragraph that is **8 to 10** sentences long. Give examples from the book to support your answers. You may write more if you wish. This paragraph is on a **separate** sheet of paper. Answer the following:

6. **What is the theme?** The major overarching or underlying idea in a literary work. An idea the author repeats and is significant for the readers to consider (ex. Love, friendship, bitterness, hatred, despair, suffering, marriage, hope, death, faith, etc.)
7. **Are there any symbols or symbol?** An object representing another to give it deeper and more significant meaning that is different than the literal sense. Sometimes an idea, event or action can have symbolic value. Examples: dove symbolizes peace, rose symbolizes love, a chain symbolizes union or imprisonment.