

## *7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading*

Dear Students:

I am so excited to work with you next year and to embark on some wonderful literary adventures in our English classroom. Active independent reading over the summer helps you maintain the reading routine you established during the school year and continues to build on your skills in reading fluency and comprehension. This summer you are being asked to read **two (2) books**, and you have the freedom to choose any **2** books from the list provided. You cannot, however, read books for credit that are not on this list. I hope that you enjoy the selections we've provided. Your summer reading should be completed and your assignment ready to hand in on the **first day of classes (not Orientation)** Here is what should be done over the summer:

- **READ** the **two (2) books** from the list provided.
  - If it helps you to take short notes at the end of each chapter, you may do so, but it is **not** required.
  - While reading think about the main characters and their conflicts, the themes/messages/lessons in the novel, the setting of the book, and the author's style of writing.
  
- **WRITE one (1) Summer Reading Response that includes the following (this one paper will cover both books):**
  - An **introductory paragraph** introducing the titles of the two books you read, their authors, and their genres. (approx. 5 sentences)
  
  - **1 body paragraph** giving a short plot summary of each book. This should be 8-15 sentences (3-4 sentences per book) and should highlight the main storyline of each novel. Think of it as a blurb for each book. You do not have to go into a lot of detail.
  
  - **1 body paragraph** focusing on a theme or lesson you learned from your reading. Ask yourself what message you felt the authors were trying to convey or what big ideas ran through the books. **You must also include one (1) quote from one (1) of the books that demonstrates the lesson/theme/big idea you are focusing upon.** This should be 8-10 sentences.
  
  - **1 body paragraph** with your opinion and overall critique of the novels. Consider answering some, if not all, of the following questions.
    - Did you like the novels? Why or why not?
    - Which was your favorite and which was your least favorite? Why?
    - What did you think of the characters and their development?
    - Would you recommend these books to others? Why or why not?
    - Feel free to think of your own questions and answers.
  
  - **1 concluding paragraph** wrapping up your thoughts about your experience reading this summer and what you hope to experience in 6th Grade reading.

### **FORMAT**

- Typed, double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font.
- Indent paragraphs.
- Proofread your work for errors.
- Include a heading with your Name and Date

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions- [lilian.poloner@gbwl.org](mailto:lilian.poloner@gbwl.org). Remember to have this all completed and ready to turn in on the first day of classes.

Happy Summer!