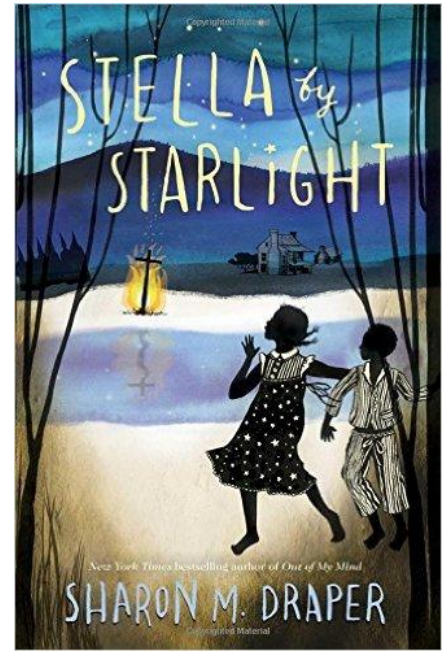


Rising 7th Summer Reading Novels (Read Both)

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

When the Ku Klux Klan's unwelcome reappearance rattles Stella's segregated southern town, bravery battles prejudice in this Depression-era tour de force from Sharon Draper, the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Out of My Mind*.

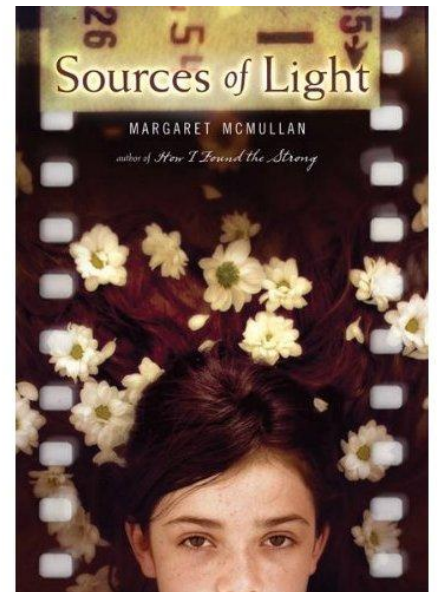
Stella lives in the segregated South—in Bumblebee, North Carolina, to be exact about it. Some stores she can go into. Some stores she can't. Some folks are right pleasant. Others are a lot less so. To Stella, it sort of evens out, and heck, the Klan hasn't bothered them for years. But one late night, later than she should ever be up, much less wandering around outside, Stella and her little brother see something they're never supposed to see, something that is the first flicker of change to come, unwelcome change by any stretch of the imagination. As Stella's community—her world—is upended, she decides to fight fire with fire. And she learns that ashes don't necessarily signify an end.



Sources of Light by Margaret McMullan

After you read, complete this assignment due THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS: In *Sources of Light*, Sam is a burgeoning photographer and is given some interesting advice from Perry, an expert. He says for her to take pictures of “anything you would paint. Anything you look at or wonder about or want to know more about.” What I would like is for you to do just that. I would like for you to take three photos and arrange them **in a creative fashion** on a small or large posterboard. I would like for you to pick one to write about. What should you write about it? See below:

- Why you took it
- Where you took it (physical and emotional/psychological circumstances)
- What type of camera you used (iPhone? Fancy Nikon? Polaroid?)
- Describe the composition (How is it composed? Horizontal? Vertical? Foreground? Background? Color? Tones? Focus?)
- Describe all objects/items in the photograph
- Discuss its message (What is it telling you? What is it telling us?)



While we have only assigned two novels, summer is a perfect time to read, keeping your brain busy as you enjoy a break. If you have any questions about summer reading, please do not hesitate to email either of us at teresa.strait@sdsgriffin.org or kevin.wynn@sdsgriffin.org. We would love to recommend additional books for your reading pleasure!