

SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING

The **theme** in a story is its underlying message. In other words, what belief about life is the author trying to convey? In seventh grade, you will read novels about individuals that show the character trait of perseverance. Perseverance: persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. **Read one novel below about a character that shows perseverance and complete 3 choices on the board creating a tic-tac-toe.**

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Bradley
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Revolution by Devorah Wiles
The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Finding Perfect by Elly Swartz
Nest by Esther Ehrlich
Bystander by Preller James
OC Daniel by Wesley King
Unstoppable by Tim Green

<p>Point of View Retell a major event of the novel from the perspective of a different character using 1st person point of view. Retell the event using thoughts and feelings of the character. (3 paragraph min.)</p>	<p>Theme What is the message in the story? What lasting idea is the author trying to convey? Explain your reasoning by giving 3 pieces of text evidence (with page numbers next to entries).</p>	<p>Characterization Draw a portrait of one of your characters. Include captions that explains what your character is thinking, feeling, doing, seeing, and hearing in the scene you choose. Explain the importance of your captions.</p>
<p>Setting Draw a map of the main setting of the story (natural and man-made landmarks, places in the story, etc.) and a “key” that explains your map. Why are these features important to the plot and theme of the story?</p>	<p>Vocabulary As you read, make a list of 10 words that you did not know. Give the definition, part of speech, and why the word is important to the plot or message of the story.</p>	<p>Plot Describe 5 main events in the story. One from each: Beginning, rising action, climax, falling action, conclusion. Include evidence for each from the text to support your ideas (with page numbers).</p>
<p>Conflict (problem) What is the conflict? Man vs. man? Man vs. nature? Man vs. society? Man vs. himself? Choose 2 types of conflict. Write one paragraph about each and include evidence and page numbers.</p>	<p>Retelling Retell this story in a comic strip using your own words. Include main characters, setting, conflict, at least 2 major events, and conclusion. (Minimum of 6 comic strip boxes)</p>	<p>Questioning What questions do you have about this novel? Create 10 meaningful questions about the lives of the characters, how the conflict was resolved, etc.</p>