

Incoming 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment – 2020 - 2021

Dear Students,

We are so excited to work with you in 7th grade next year, and we are eagerly preparing for our classes with you in September!

Over the summer, please read two (2) books. The first book must be *Look Both Ways*, by Jason Reynolds. *For the other book, please choose from the suggested reading list attached to this handout.*



Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds- "A collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school"-- --Provided by publisher.

After you finish the second novel of your choice, please complete a one pager, see example provided. All work must be completed for the first day of school. Remember that your one pager is **not** on the required text, rather the book you picked from the list below.

One Pager

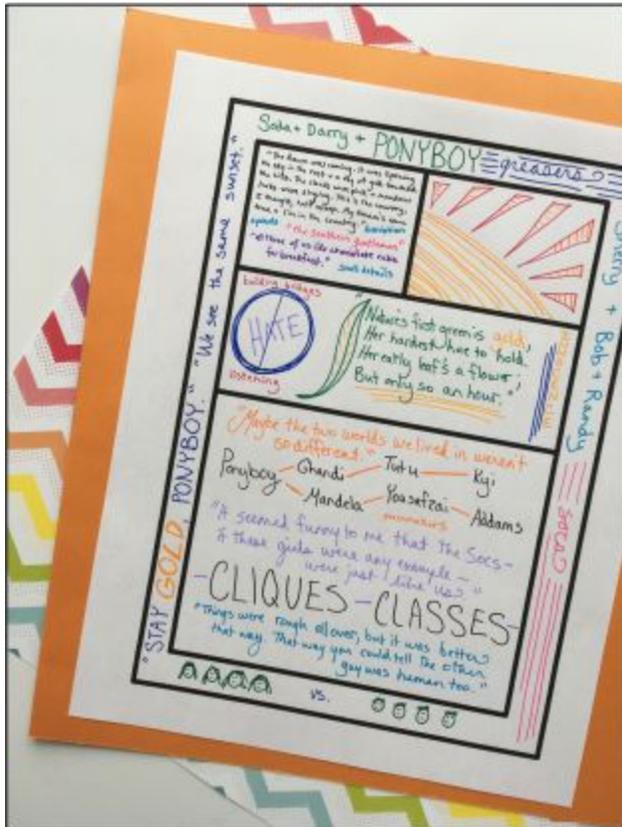
A one pager is a way to visually share key ideas and information from what you have learned. When you create a one pager, you are trying to use both visual symbols and important words to clearly and concisely share your most important takeaways with someone else.

For this one pager, we've provided you with a template. Here's what it **MUST INCLUDE**:

- A border of key quotations from the text
- The top half should focus on symbolism and themes from the text, including both words and images.
- The bottom half should focus on key characters from the text and how they develop, change, and interact.

It should also include both words and images. You may also add other symbols, drawings, and words that represent the reading as you wish.

Example of a one pager:



This assignment is due on the first day of school. You should **scan or take a photo of your one pager** and submit it **BOTH** 7th grade English teachers via email: Mrs. Poloner lpoloner@gbwl.org and Mr. Bennett cody.bennett@gbwl.org. Should you misplace your assignment, you can always access this information on our BWL website at http://www.bwl.org/middle_school, or you can reach out to either teacher at the emails above.

Sincerely,

Your 7th Grade teachers

Entering 7th Grade Required Reading

Incoming 7th grade students are required to read **two** books over the summer. The first book (with an asterisk) is required for all students. The second book should be chosen from the list below. Students may not substitute a book on the reading list with those of their own choosing.

****Look Both Ways***—Jason Reynolds. Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life. (Realistic Fiction)

7th Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Fever 1793—Laurie Halse Anderson. Young Mattie Cook, living in Philadelphia, struggles with the aftermath of the American Revolution and the onslaught of the plague. Read about her fight for survival. (Historical Fiction)

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment—James Patterson. This action packed novel has a group of unique kids on the run from an organization. They are fiercely loyal to one another and work to find a way to survive in the wilderness while uncovering the mystery of this secret organization. A story of friendship and survival that will keep you on the edge of your seat! (Science Fiction)

Short and Skinny—Mark Tatulli. As a middle schooler, Mark finds himself on the smaller side of the physical spectrum--being short AND skinny has really wreaked havoc on his confidence. So to end his bullying woes and get the girl--or at least the confidence to talk to the girl--he starts to explore bulking up by way of the miracle cures in the backs of his comics. But his obsession with beefing up is soon derailed by a new obsession: Star Wars, the hottest thing to hit the summer of 1977. As he explores his creative outlets as well as his cures to body image woes, Mark sets out to make his own stamp on the film that he loves. (Graphic Novel)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian—Sherman Alexie. This novel chronicles the life of Arnold Spirit, aka Junior, a Spokane Indian from Wellpinit, WA. When a teacher pleads with this bright fourteen-year-old to escape the hopelessness of “the rez,” Arnold switches to a rich white school and immediately becomes as much an outcast in his own community as he is a curiosity in his new one. Through art and soul-searching, he figures out where he truly belongs. (Multicultural Fiction; Adult content)

The Benefits of Being an Octopus—Ann Braden. Some people can do their homework. Some people get to have crushes on boys. Some people have other things they've got to do. This moving debut novel explores the cultural divides around class and the gun debate through the eyes of one girl, living on the edges of society, trying to find her way forward. (Realistic Fiction)

The Devil's Arithmetic—Jane Yolen. Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland. (Historical Fiction)

The Giver—Lois Lowry. In this futuristic novel, Jonah must cope with his “assignment” which sets him apart from the rest of his community, something he knows to be very dangerous. (Science Fiction)

Uglies—Scott Westerfeld. Set in a futuristic society, this novel follows Tally, an "ugly" who is trying to survive in a society out to control her every move, including one day making her a "pretty." (Science Fiction)

Zenobia July—Lisa Bunker. Zenobia July, an excellent coder and hacker, investigates a mystery while wrestling with the challenges of a new school, a new family, and presenting her true gender for the first time. (Realistic Fiction)

Please note: All book descriptions are either written by faculty members or supplied by Goodreads.com.

One Pager Template
