

# Hill Country Middle School – Incoming 7th Graders for 2020-2021



**Summer reading expectations:** Incoming 7th graders are expected to read at least **one new-to-you grade-level appropriate** book this summer, and complete one video booktalk using Flipgrid that explains a **personal connection** you can make to a passage in the book. The **Grade 7 Summer Reading Fligrid** (a daily grade in English class) will be used as a starting point this fall for discussions about great books to read.

**FLIPGRID.**

First, **join** our HCMS Grade 7 Summer Reading Flipgrid. Flipgrid is a safe and private website and app where students can create book talk videos and share what they are reading with other HCMS students.

**Uploading to Flipgrid:** (You MUST use your @eanesisd.net email address!)

Device app option:

- 1) Open or download the Flipgrid app
- 2) Enter grid code: **Cougars7th**
- 3) Enter grid password **Cougars7**

Computer option:

- 1) Click this link: <https://flipgrid.com/cougars7th>
- 2) Enter grid password: **Cougars7**

**Now add a book talk:**

Under **Summer Reading 7th Grade**, click the + sign, and record yourself giving a book talk.

Use the following **script** (follow it exactly) to guide your book talk: (It's best to write it out first!)

- *My name is ... (must say FIRST and LAST name)*
- *(As you hold up the book) The book I read was \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.*
- *I am going to read a passage from page \_\_\_\_\_. (passage must be at least three sentences)*
- *I made a personal connection to this because ... (Be specific with an experience from YOUR life!)*
- *I thought this book was (challenging/insightful/difficult to read/exciting/relevant/humorous/etc.) because... (be specific)*

**The cover image** for the Flipgrid should be a book selfie - a picture of you and your book together.

**Need a book recommendation?**

[Texas Lone Star Reading List](#) or [Goodreads Teen Lists](#) or [Tayshas Reading List](#)

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

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