

6th Grade English Summer Reading

All students are required to purchase and read two novels over the summer and complete their choice of activities listed below for *Number the Stars*. Please bring your copy of *Number the Stars*, your free-choice novel, and the accompanying activity you chose on the first full day of school (August 19 or 22).

Various assessment methods and in-depth studies will take place in class, so feel free to highlight, underline, and jot in the margins about anything that might seem important in each book. [This link](#) includes some great annotation tips for both fiction and nonfiction books!

NOVEL ASSIGNMENT 1:



[Number the Stars Paperback - Lois Lowry](#)

"The unforgettable Newbery Medal-winning novel from Lois Lowry. As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family" (Amazon review).

ACTIVITY

Choose **one** template from the following choices to complete for *Number the Stars* and bring with you on the first full day of school:

Choice 1: Story Map:

[Link to Story Map](#)

Choice 2: Plot Diagram:

[Link to Plot Diagram](#)

Choice 3: Summary Organizer:

[Link to Summary Organizer](#)

*The "Somebody Wanted But So Then" Summary Organizer is best used at the end of each chapter as you are reading. Feel free to change the "Somebody" to different characters, even if they are not the main character in that chapter. You

are also welcome to simply write your summaries directly in your novel at the end of each chapter instead of making multiple copies of the template.

NOVEL ASSIGNMENT 2:

Please read a novel from [this Padlet link](#) of choices. (Remember that it would be helpful to mark important parts of the book that stand out to you as you read!)

Can't get enough of reading?

***See below to get started on the
(optional) 40 Book Challenge...***

Begin Your 40 Book Challenge Now!

Why wait until school starts in August to begin the 40 Book Challenge? Begin now! All you must do is just keep reading!! As you read (required summer reading and free choice reading), log your reading on the document provided. Simply click on the link below to add each novel you read in its entirety during the summer months. Let's begin the challenge now!

[6th Grade 40 Book Challenge](#)

Note: In order for your summer reading to count towards your 40 Book Challenge, the novel must be added to this Google Form.

What is the 40 Book Challenge?

"In a nutshell, the 40 Book Challenge invites students into a personal challenge to read 40 books of choice across different genres during the school year. Why 40? The idea is that students could read a book a week within the school year. The 40 Book Challenge is meant to expand students' reading lives, and what matters most is that students stretch themselves as readers and increase their competence, confidence, and reading motivation through their daily participation in our reading community."

-Donalyn Miller

Author of *The Book Whisperer*

Questions? Email Mrs. Oglesby (andrea.oglesby@mylcs.com) and I will do my best to get back to you.