



7-8 GRADE SUMMER READING 2022

Directions: Choose 1 book that you haven't yet read from the appropriate list below and read it to completion. Throughout the course of your reading, you will be creating a *handwritten dialectical journal* in a new notebook to be turned in at Meet the Teacher in August.

7th Grade Choices:

ISBN:

<i>*The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins (For mature/advanced readers)	978-0439023528
<i>The House of Scorpion</i> by Nancy Farmer	978-0689852237
<i>Ready Player One</i> by Ernest Cline	978-3596522583
<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	978-1613832288
<i>The Seventh Most Important Thing</i> by Shelley Pearsall	978-0553497311
<i>Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life</i> by Wendy Mass	978-0316058490

8th Grade Choices:

ISBN:

<i>*Diamond Boy</i> by Michael Williams (For mature/advanced readers)	978-0316320689
<i>Chains</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson	978-1416905868
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> by John Boyne	978-0385751537
<i>Four-Four-Two</i> by Dean Hughes	978-1481462532
<i>The Breadwinner</i> by Deborah Ellis	978-1554987658
<i>Refugee</i> by Alan Gratz	978-0545880831

We encourage everyone to utilize the websites Goodreads and Common Sense Media for synopsis and reviews to help choose the best book for each student.

See Reverse for Assignment Details Dialectical Journal Assignment

What is a Dialectical Journal?

A dialectical journal is another name for a double-entry journal or a reader-response journal. A dialectical journal is a journal that records a dialogue, or conversation between the ideas in the text (the words that you are reading) and the ideas of the reader (the person who is doing the reading).

This is what you must do in your journal-keep a dialogue with yourself. In your journal, have a conversation with the text and yourself. Write down your thoughts, questions, insights, and ideas while you read. A dialectical journal can include all sorts of things: class notes, notes on discussions, notes on papers, reactions to readings. The important part is that you, the reader, are reading something and then responding to it with your feelings and ideas. You may say whatever you want as long as it's supported by the text.

How Do I Keep A Dialectical Journal?

Your journal will use a two-entry form: Fold the page in half. In the LEFT COLUMN, write down parts of paragraphs from the book that you think are interesting or important. In the RIGHT COLUMN, write down YOUR OWN thoughts, commentary, and questions about the information in the LEFT COLUMN.

When I am Writing in my Dialectical Journal, is there a Right and Wrong Answer?

NO! A dialectical journal shows your own thoughts and ideas about the things we read in class. When you write in your journal, you should be as original and creative as you can be.

Sample of One Entry:

Page #	Quote from the Text	Response to Quote
19	"I was sent to solitary confinement in my new room and ordered to write a letter of apology to each guest."	Why does Sarah's mother make her do this? She was just following her beliefs on how humans should be treated.

How many entries should I write?

The expectation is that you write TWO entries per chapter.

Can I type my entries?

No. All entries must be handwritten in a new notebook labeled with your name and title of the book you are reading/journaling about.

When is it due?

This summer reading assignment is due by **Meet the Teacher** in August.