

## Humanities Rising 6th Grade Summer Work 2023-2024

*During the school year, you have many reading requirements. Summer is a great time for you to read for pleasure and to explore books you might not have time to read when you are in school. In this list, you will find a wide range of suggested titles for summer reading allowing for differences in reading interest and strengths. We want to emphasize that this is only a suggested list. You are encouraged to read books you are interested in whether they appear on the list or not. If you need more choices, remember that local bookstores and public libraries are also great resources and often have knowledgeable staff to help you. If a book feels like an uncomfortable stretch, try an audio book version or save it for another time. Summer is also a great time to have a shared reading experience with a friend, sibling, or parent. Please remember, no one is ever too old to be read to or with - especially during the summer. We look forward to hearing about all your great summer reading.*

Rising 6th graders need to read a total of three books over the course of the summer. They are also asked to write a letter or send a postcard to their sixth grade Humanities teacher. In their letter, students should describe an adventure that they had this summer and talk about their summer reading. Letters may be mailed to the school or handed in during warm-up week.

### I. Required

*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling

[https://www.amazon.com/Insignificant-Events-Cactus-Dusti-Bowling/dp/1454932996/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3SUIY5BGFXFOR&keywords=insignificant+events+in+the+life+of+a+cactus&qid=1683163786&srefix=insigni%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Insignificant-Events-Cactus-Dusti-Bowling/dp/1454932996/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3SUIY5BGFXFOR&keywords=insignificant+events+in+the+life+of+a+cactus&qid=1683163786&srefix=insigni%2Caps%2C88&sr=8-1)

### II. Pick one of the following:

*The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney

[https://www.amazon.com/Red-Pencil-Andrea-Davis-Pinkney/dp/0316247820/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=2UP6Y00SM240C&keywords=the+red+pencil&qid=1683163864&srefix=the+red+pencil%2Caps%2C91&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Red-Pencil-Andrea-Davis-Pinkney/dp/0316247820/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2UP6Y00SM240C&keywords=the+red+pencil&qid=1683163864&srefix=the+red+pencil%2Caps%2C91&sr=8-1)

*Laugh with the Moon* by Shana Burg

[https://www.amazon.com/Laugh-Moon-Shana-Burg/dp/0440422108/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=3BGNRXM8QOZZK&keywords=laugh+with+the+moon&qid=1683164045&srefix=laugh+with+the+moon%2Caps%2C96&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Laugh-Moon-Shana-Burg/dp/0440422108/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3BGNRXM8QOZZK&keywords=laugh+with+the+moon&qid=1683164045&srefix=laugh+with+the+moon%2Caps%2C96&sr=8-1)

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhà Lai

[https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Out-Back-Again-Thanhha/dp/0061962791/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=1B1FQR9LUF2W2&keywords=inside+out+and+back+again&qid=1683164103&prefix=inside+out+and%2Caps%2C94&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Inside-Out-Back-Again-Thanhha/dp/0061962791/ref=sr_1_1?crid=1B1FQR9LUF2W2&keywords=inside+out+and+back+again&qid=1683164103&prefix=inside+out+and%2Caps%2C94&sr=8-1)

When you Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

[https://www.amazon.com/When-You-Trap-Tiger-Newbery/dp/1524715735/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=15VYU96Z0DOV9&keywords=when+you+trap+a+tiger&qid=1683164220&prefix=when+you+trap+a+tiger%2Caps%2C86&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/When-You-Trap-Tiger-Newbery/dp/1524715735/ref=sr_1_1?crid=15VYU96Z0DOV9&keywords=when+you+trap+a+tiger&qid=1683164220&prefix=when+you+trap+a+tiger%2Caps%2C86&sr=8-1)

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

[https://www.amazon.com/Other-Words-Home-Jasmine-Warga/dp/0062747819/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?crid=GMYO9L7BLBSY&keywords=other+words+from+home&qid=1683164281&prefix=other+words+from+home%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Other-Words-Home-Jasmine-Warga/dp/0062747819/ref=sr_1_1?crid=GMYO9L7BLBSY&keywords=other+words+from+home&qid=1683164281&prefix=other+words+from+home%2Caps%2C89&sr=8-1)

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

[https://www.amazon.com/Front-Desk-Scholastic-Gold-Kelly/dp/1338157825/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?crid=1LO9JB8WD4D2V&keywords=the+front+desk&qid=1683164355&prefix=the+front+desk%2Caps%2C95&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.com/Front-Desk-Scholastic-Gold-Kelly/dp/1338157825/ref=sr_1_2?crid=1LO9JB8WD4D2V&keywords=the+front+desk&qid=1683164355&prefix=the+front+desk%2Caps%2C95&sr=8-2)

III. Reader's Choice! Of course, you are more than welcome to read another one of the novels provided in part two as your third choice.