



Revere Middle School

7th Grade Summer Reading

2022

Rationale:

- To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches the educational experience
- To prepare for a thoughtful discussion, writing assignment or assessment on the first day of class
- To encourage a lifelong love of reading

Summer Reading Requirements: Handwritten Reading Journal

Famous essayist and diarist Anaïs Nin used to say, "We write to taste life twice, in the moment and in retrospect." Nowhere is that more true than in historical fiction, which allows readers to step inside the minds of those who have shaped the world we live in, and to imagine the all-too-human side of history.
-Lithub.com

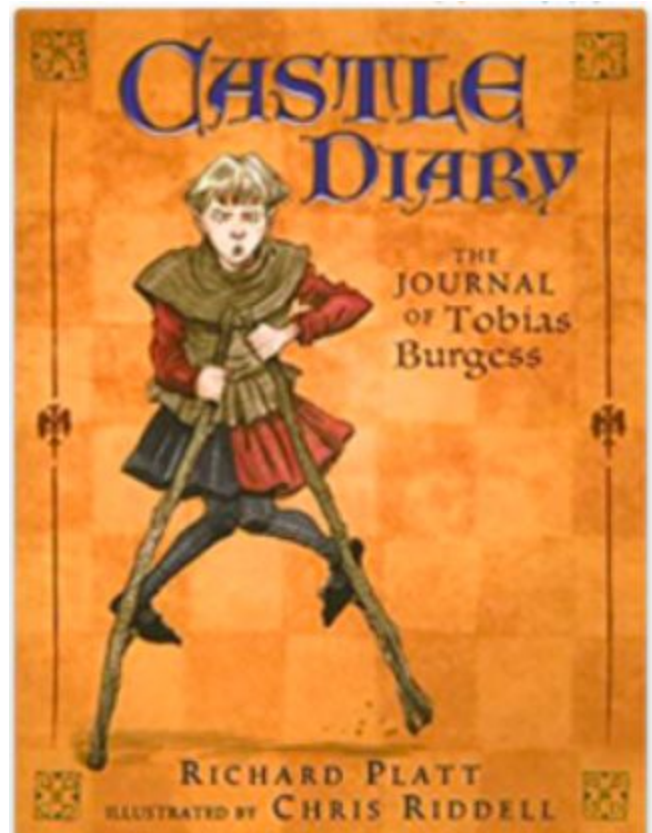
Please purchase the following text to read during the summer:

Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess

Paperback – July 14, 2003

by [Richard Platt](#) (Author), [Chris Riddell](#) (Illustrator)

What was it really like to live in a castle? Step back to the Middle Ages with *Castle Diary: the Journal of Tobias Burgess*. Eleven-year-old Toby's vivid diary entries offer an insider's view of day-to-day castle life, and exciting descriptions of hunting, jousting, and harvesting.



Reading Journal

Directions: Your journal will use a triple entry chart based on the text.

1. **LEFT COLUMN:** record quotes from the book that best illustrate a multitude of target literary devices:
 - **Direct characterization**
 - **Indirect characterization**
 - **Sensory details**
 - **Figurative language**
 - **Historical fiction details - significant to the time period and accurately contextualizing the events in the novel**
 - **Imagery**
 - **Mood**
 - **Tone**
 - **Setting**
 - **Conflict**
 - **Theme**
 - **Allusions**
 - **Flashbacks**
 - **Foreshadowing**
2. **MIDDLE COLUMN:** document the page number(s).
3. **RIGHT COLUMN:** record your own analysis:
 - *why/how the author uses chosen literary devices*
 - *your thoughts, comments, and questions about the quote from the left column.*
4. How much is enough? Any time that you notice a literary technique or device from above, add it to your reading log. At a minimum, every 5-10 pages or so, pause, review and reflect in order to find those key quotes. (**Gauge: text has 90 pages so minimum of 10 entries and max of 20**)

Quote->Textual Evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct quote 	Page #	Analysis/Elaboration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify literary term/element • Author strategy (how/why the author uses the device) • Reader response
<p>“It is different in war. Another friend is another person you might lose in an instant. Each new day, each minute, may be the last one when you will see your friend.”</p>	<p>P 26</p>	<p>Characterization - war creates in the narrator a sense of being closed off due to possible loss.</p> <p>Theme - war can create loneliness</p>

Your handwritten journal should show consistent reactions to the work from beginning to end - preparing for a future assessment of some kind regarding the text on the first day of school. It will be collected by your teacher on the first day of the school year. Happy reading!

