



7-8 GRADE SUMMER READING 2024

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 composition notebook to be turned in at Meet the Teacher in August. Please put your name and the book title on the cover of the notebook.

7th Grade Choices:

ISBN:

<i>Sunshine</i> by Jarrett Krosoczka	978-1338356311
<i>The House of Scorpion</i> by Nancy Farmer	978-0689852237
<i>The Maze Runner</i> by James Dashner	978-1613832288
<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell	978-0451526342

8th Grade Choices:

ISBN:

<i>Maus I: A Survivor's Tale</i> by Art Spiegelman	978-0394747231
<i>I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition</i>	978-0316327916
<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 Red Bandana: Young Readers Edition</i> by Tom Rinaldi	978-0425287644

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 a direct quote no longer than 3 sentences from the book that you think are interesting or important. Be sure to cite which page the quote is from. In the RIGHT COLUMN, write down YOUR OWN thoughts, commentary, and questions about the information in the LEFT COLUMN. This could include questions about, feelings about, or the importance of what is going on at that moment in the story. Your thoughts should be 2-4 sentences long.

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:

Chapter/ Page #	Quote from the Text	Response to Quote
Chapter 1 p. 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 ONE entry every TWO chapters. If your book doesn't have chapters, please complete one entry for every 20 pages. The entry can come from either 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.