



7th Grade Summer Reading 2025

Instructions: For your Summer reading assignment, please choose **one** of the following novels to read. Below, you will find a description of each book, a link to the PDF, and a link to the audio of the book. When you come back to school next year, you will complete a reading comprehension assignment. You may use any notes that you create while completing the comprehension assignment. Be sure to choose the novel that interests you the most!

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Description: The Lightning Thief is a light-hearted fantasy about a modern 12-year-old boy who learns that his true father is Poseidon, the Greek god of the sea. Percy sets out to become a hero by undertaking a quest across the United States to find the entrance to the Underworld and stop a war between the gods.

PDF Link:

https://www.sausd.us/cms/lib/CA01000471/Centricity/Domain/241/lightning_thief_the_percy_jac_-_rick_riordan.pdf

Audio Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFhxyD3cAr4>

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Description: Three different kids. One mission in common: ESCAPE. Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world... Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety and freedom in America...Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe...All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.

PDF Link:

https://www.summithill.org/documents/teacher_documents/483/1585752895Refugeeonlinebook.pdf

Audio Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtltzPIYKU>



New Kid by Jerry Craft

Description: Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

PDF Link:

https://glenview5thclass.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/new_kid_1.pdf

Audio Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wDNm_C5pnE&list=PLLC2aMy4hEmmot4hc6uY8YJAbeU5wRGuc

Honor Student Instructions: For your Summer reading assignment, please read **both** of the following novels. Below, you will find a description of each book, a link to the PDF. When you come back to school next year, you will study and analyze this text extensively. We will study both novels for the entirety of Quarter 1. You will want to be prepared. I suggest taking notes, and paying close attention to how the author managed to create such distinct characters.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

The Outsiders is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider. According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his bifurcated world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser.

PDF Link:

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AND

That was Then This is Now by S.E. Hinton

Since childhood, Bryon and Mark have been as close as brothers. Now things are changing. Bryon's growing up, spending a lot of time with girls, and



thinking seriously about who he wants to be. Mark still just lives for the thrill of the moment. The two are growing apart - until Bryon makes a shocking discovery about Mark. Then Bryon faces a terrible decision - one that will change both of their lives forever.

PDF Link:

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