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SUMMER READING FOR INCOMING SEVENTH GRADERS

Dear Students and Parents,

Over the summer, all students entering seventh grade are required to read **one** of the following novels:

- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Girl, Stolen* by April Henry ([YA novel - young adult content](#))
- *A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman
- *Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *A Spoonful of Time* by Flora Ahn

These titles offer a variety of genres to appeal to every reader. Websites such as [Goodreads](#) and [CommonSenseMedia](#) do a nice job of providing a summary of the book along with guidance about various elements and topics that may occur within a given novel. As always, your knowledge of your child is essential in helping them select books that are both engaging and appropriate. **Students are expected to bring their annotated copy of the novel to class on the first day of school.**

Annotation Requirements

1. There must be at least one annotation per two-page spread throughout the book. An annotation is highlighted text evidence and a written margin note about the selected evidence.
2. Margin notes should indicate the importance of character development, conflict, and plot.
3. There must be a three-sentence summary at the end of each chapter.

The summer reading books are available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, and they can also be found on www.amazon.com. Electronic books will not work for this assignment as students are required to annotate the novel. Students may also listen to the novel on an audiobook while annotating. All students should bring their novels on the first day of school, when we will begin corresponding activities.

Why is summer reading required? Research shows that students who read consistently over the summer are stronger students during the school year. District 103 is committed to developing strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. In addition to the required summer reading book, we also recommend that students read regularly during the summer. Please go to the [Daniel Wright website](#) to find additional reading lists and electronic access to Daniel Wright library books over the summer. This letter will also be posted there.

Thank you for your support.
The Seventh Grade English Teachers