



RISING GRADES 7 & 8 SUMMER ELA

Read • Think • Inquire • Reflect • Lead

Together We Grow.

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ABGS SUMMER SCHOLAR MISSION

This summer, you are more than a reader—you are an IB learner. Every activity in this guide is designed to build your ELA skills while developing your IB Learner Profile and Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills.

YOUR MISSION

- Read your assigned novel.
Choose ONE activity from EACH ROW (3 activities total).
Use the RACE Strategy (Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain) for every written response.
Be prepared to participate in IB Literature Circles and discussions in September.

BE THE TIGER. LIVE THE PROFILE.

- Be Curious like an Inquirer.
Think Deeply like a Thinker.
Communicate Clearly like a Communicator.
Act with Integrity like a Principled learner.
Reflect and Grow every day.

PHASE 1 INQUIRE

Understand the Text
Complete three teacher-selected RACE responses using textual evidence.

Analyze Characters
Explain how the main character changes using three pieces of evidence and one illustration.

Investigate Through the IB Learner Profile
Choose the IB Learner Profile attribute that best represents the main character. Respond using RACE.



PHASE 2 THINK

Theme Detective
Identify the novel's theme and write two RACE responses explaining how it develops.

One-Pager
Create a One-Pager featuring quotations, symbols, vocabulary, theme, and illustrations.

Text-to-World Connection
Write a RACE response explaining how the novel connects to today's world or your community.



PHASE 3 TAKE ACTION

Book Trailer or Video Review
Create a 2-3 minute trailer or review supported with evidence from the novel.

Letter to the Author
Write a letter to the author explaining what you learned, what surprised you, and include one RACE response.

Book Review
Recommend (or do not recommend) the novel and support your opinion with three RACE responses.



ABGS SUMMER LEARNING EXPECTATION

The Rising Grades 7 & 8 Summer ELA Assignment is an important part of preparing for the upcoming school year. Students are expected to complete the assigned reading and accompanying activities before the first day of school. Upon returning in September, students will participate in classroom discussions, writing activities, collaborative learning experiences, and assessments based on their summer reading. The completed Summer ELA Assignment will be incorporated into students' First Quarter English Language Arts grade. Completing the assignment will help students begin the school year prepared, confident, and ready to engage in the inquiry-based learning experiences that define an ABGS IB classroom.



IB SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

- Choose ONE of the following and respond using the RACE Strategy:
Which Approaches to Learning (ATL) skill did the main character develop?
Which IB Learner Profile Attribute changed the most throughout the novel?
Which character best demonstrates being Principled or Open-minded?
What action could the main character take to make a greater positive impact on their community?

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

- Explore a variety of great books!
SPORTS, MOTIVATION & PERSONAL GROWTH
Mental Toughness for Young Athletes - Horne & Horne
Game Changers: Inspirational Sports Stories - Dan Gold
Patina - Jason Reynolds
Booked - Kwame Alexander
MYSTERY, ADVENTURE & FANTASY
The Way to Rio Luna - Zoraida Cordova
The Key House - Mike Curtis
Explorer Academy: The Nebula Secret - Trudi Trueit
Maximilian: The Mystery of the Guardia Angel - Xavier Garza
Chupacarter - George Lopez & Ryan Calejo

REALISTIC FICTION & COMING-OF-AGE STORIES

- When Life Gives You Mangoes - Kereen Getten
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish - Pablo Cartaya
Harbor Me - Jacqueline Woodson
Efrén Divided - Ernesto Cisneros
Cuba in My Pocket - Adrianna Cuevas
Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero - Kelly J. Baptist
The Probability of Everything - Sarah Everett
Remember Us - Jacqueline Woodson
Tumble - Celia C. Pérez
Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

- Choose at least TWO books from this list and be ready to:
Share your favorite book with a classmate
Discuss a memorable character
Explain an important lesson or theme
Make connections to your own life



READ TODAY. LEAD TOMORROW. Have a safe, fun, and book-filled summer!

