

English 7: Summer Reading 2019

Students entering English 7 are asked to read **two** books of their own choice this summer.

Please select books that interest you and that are also at an appropriate reading level – i.e., not *too* easy but not *too* challenging. Students are encouraged to explore the bookstore or local library for titles. Parents are kindly encouraged to be aware of the book choices and their appropriateness, in both content and level. (The books may be either fiction or nonfiction; they may not be graphic novels.)

- Students must complete the “Reading Questions” assignment for **one** of their book choices – **they choose which one**. It’s best to complete this assignment shortly after reading the book.
- Students will complete a creative project for the **second** book when they return to school. The assignment sheet will be given during the first week of classes. It’s best to read this book closer to the start of school so as not to forget important characters and plot points.

“Reading Questions” Assignment (*for 1st book only*)

DIRECTIONS: *Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Be as specific as you can be (even listing the page numbers or citing the text). Make sure you answer all parts of the question and develop your ideas fully. However, please limit each response to 2 to 8 sentences. You must type your answers and print this document to submit in class. **It is due on the first day of school.***

1. What is the full title, author, and first publication date of the book?
2. Why did you CHOOSE this book? Did it live up to your expectations? Would you recommend this to your peers?
3. Choose a MINOR CHARACTER in the book. Describe his/her physical appearance, personality, and relationship to a main character.
4. What is the SETTING of the book? In other words, when and where does the story take place?
5. Think about the MAIN CHARACTER. What personal characteristics and circumstances put him or her in conflict with his or her community, culture, or society and hold him or her back from desires and needs?
6. What is the MAIN CONFLICT of the book? Summarize the story briefly, highlighting the conflict and making sure to go in chronological order.
7. What is the LESSON that you are taking away from this book? What mark has this book made on you?