

The GLOBE Academy
Rising 7th Grade Recommended Summer Reading List
2018-2019 School Year

Dear Students,

When you enter our class in August, I will expect you to have a book that you are reading at all times. I will be requiring independent reading every day in class and at home. For some of you, this may not be a problem at all. For others, I know this may prove to be challenging. Therefore, I am not *requiring* any specific books, authors, genres to be read this summer (that will come when the school year begins). Instead, I want you take this summer to discover who you are as a reader. What books do you enjoy? How long can you read in one sitting before becoming distracted? How often do you read? Do you read because you have to or because you want to? Have your reading habits/interests changed over the years? I want you to really take time to reflect, evaluate, and explore.

During the first few weeks of school, I will be conferencing with each of you individually. We will discuss goals, challenges, and interests. It would be very beneficial (for both of us) if you came to school on the first day with a few notes/ideas about how your summer reading went. You can use the questions above to help guide you. Keep track of the books you read. Jot down when/where you read. Don't write what you think I want to hear. Write the truth. Attached is a list of recommended books to get you started, but please do not feel limited to the list.

Our 7th grade English class is titled: "Who Am I? Discovering Ourselves and the World Around Us." Everything we do will revolve around this concept, starting with your journey as a reader and continuing into our writing.

I am requiring one assignment this summer: Write a personal narrative about yourself. I don't want an informational essay about who you are and your interests. I also don't want an autobiography of your life. I do want a quick glimpse into a memory or moment that was important or memorable to you (or even just typical of you). My only request is you make it authentic. I want it to be real and a reflection of who you are. It will only be graded on completion, so do not stress about requirements/rubrics.

To recap your 7th grade summer assignments:

1. Read often. Take notes about your reading habits. Come the first week prepared to discuss who you are as a reader.
2. Write a personal narrative about yourself. Remember a narrative is a story and personal means it happened to you. Aim for at least one page but under five pages. Focus on one event/memory.

Sincerely,

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Helen Ruffin Reading Suggestions:

(These are the ones recommended for 6-8th grade. The complete list includes more books appropriate for 4-8th grade and can be found at:

http://gcba.coe.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/2018-19_GCBA_Book_Top-20_Photos.pdf)

Cartaya, Pablo- *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*

Freedman, Russell- *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler*

Gratz, Alan- *Refugee*

Lowery, Lynda Blackmon, Leacock, Elspeth, & Buckley, Susan- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March*

Markell, Denis- *Click Here to Start*

Reynolds, Jason- *Ghost* (this is a series for those interested)

Sheinkin, Steve- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team*

Smith, Ronald- *Hoodoo*

Standish, Ali- *The Ethan I was Before*

Wientge, Kristi- *Karma Khullar's Mustache*

Other Recommendations

Bloor, Edward- *Tangerine*

Card, Orson Scott- *Ender's Game*

Christie, Agatha- *Murder on the Orient Express (or anything by this author)*

Cisneros, Sandra- *The House On Mango Street*

Creech, Sharon: *Walk Two Moons, Absolutely Normal Chaos, Chasing Redbird*

Dahl, Roald- *Boy: Tales of Childhood*

George, Jean Craighead- *My Side of the Mountain*

Holt, Kimberly- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*

McAnulty, Stacy- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Philbrick, Rodman: *Freak the Mighty*

Sachar, Louis- *Holes*

Saeed, Aisha- *Amal Unbound*

Smith- *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Spinelli, Jerry- *Stargirl* and or *Love, Stargirl, Maniac Magee, Crash*

Wolk, Lauren- *Beyond the Bright Sea*

Additional Recommended Reading Activities

-Read a biography of someone who interests you.

-Check and read daily articles on timeforkids.com/news.

-Subscribe to a blog where the author writes about something you are passionate about.

-Pick an author or series and challenge yourself to read all the books.