

## 2024 Summer Reading Project

### For Incoming Magnet/Advanced 7th Grade Students

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All Incoming 7th Grade students will be expected to read two books and complete two corresponding projects over the summer:

<b>Step 1</b>	Read one <b>fiction</b> book of your choice (200+ pages) and complete the <b>Storyboard Project</b> .
<b>Step 2</b>	Read one <b>non-fiction book</b> of your choice (200+ pages) and complete the <b>Book Review Project</b> .
<b>Step 3</b>	Bring both projects to school the first week of classes in August. You will receive a grade for completing both projects..

#### 1. Fiction Storyboard Project:

Assignment: Read a fiction book of your choice. Using the template provided on the website or your own format, create a storyboard including 6 significant moments/events that take place in the book.

For each portion of the storyboard, include:

- A detailed, colorful illustration of the significant moment/event.
- A quote from and a brief description of the moment/event.

On a separate piece of paper, complete the following steps: (This can be typed or handwritten.)

- Write a thorough summary of each section of the story illustrated. (4-6 sentences for each of the 6 moments/events)
- An explanation of how conflicts develop. (4-7 sentences)
- An explanation of how the main character(s) develop. (4-7 sentences)
- An identification of a central idea/theme and the point at which it is revealed. (2-4 sentences)

**Hint:** One way to identify the central idea/theme is to complete this sentence: "The author believes that\_\_\_\_\_." (Whatever you write in the blank is likely the author's overall message or central idea for the book!)

## **2. Non-Fiction Book Review Project:**

Assignment: Read a non-fiction book of your choice and write an engaging book review.

A book review should be interesting to read and should reflect your reaction to the book. Be sure to set the stage for the reader. Give just enough background so they understand the topic, when and where the story/events take place, etc. Don't give away all of the details, though. It's always good to leave your readers curious!

Please include each of the following components in your book review:

- Exciting opening statement: (For example, "Eli knew his life had changed the minute the door clanged shut and locked his family underground.")
- Include important book information: (Be sure to include the title, the author and any other details you think are important.)
- Write a little bit about the topic: (Give a little background and explain the topic and central idea of the book.)
- Tell what you liked (or didn't like) about the book: (Could you relate to someone or something? Or to the conflict? Did you think the descriptions were well-written or the organization of the book easy to follow?)
- Your recommendation: (Tell who you think would enjoy this book. You can compare it to similar books you have read if it reminds you of another one. For example: "Anyone who enjoys reading real life success stories will also enjoy this book!")

Formatting Requirements:

- 1-2 pages typed.
- Readable font of your choice - 12 point.
- 1 inch margins
- Double spaced
- First and last name listed in top left corner of the document.
- Include a title centered above your review - either the title of your book or something creative that you come up with.
- Proofread! Edit all grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors.
- Add artwork or design details to the document if you like!

**3. Bring both completed projects to your ELA class on the first day of school.** You will be given one overall grade for both assignments.

**Happy Reading!**

**7th Grade ELA Team**