

READING/WRITING SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

GRADES 6-8

Students in grades 6-8 will read the two assigned books for their grade and submit two written assignments upon return to school in September. These assignments will be due the first day of school and will be graded using a rubric.

GRADE 6

All students in Grade 6 will read:

- **The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis**
- **Holes by Louis Sachar**

The student will have to complete two written assignments one for each book. One will be a movie review, the other will be journal entries of their chosen character.

Assignments:

- **The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe:** Students will write a book review of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. This will be written in the student's voice as a book critic, awarding the book either a thumbs up or a thumbs down rating. This critique should include a review of the plot, the genre, the theme, characterizations and overall rating and impression. (At least one typed page. 12 pt. font. Times New Roman. Double-spaced.)
- **Holes by Louis Sachar;** Students will write five journal entries in the voice of their chosen character in the book, Holes. Each journal entry should be at least one paragraph (5-7 sentences) and include details from the plot and extended understanding of the theme.

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GRADE 7

- **My Brother Sam is Dead by James and Christopher Collier**
The Giver by Lois Lowry

The student will have to complete two written assignments, a *different* one for each book. One will be a book review, the other will be journal entries of a chosen character. Students may choose which assignment to complete for each book.

Assignments:

- **Book Review:** Students will write a book review for the book. This will be written in the student's voice as a book critic, awarding either a thumbs up or a thumbs down rating. This critique should include a review of the plot, the genre, the theme, characterizations and overall rating and impression. (At least one-two typed pages. 12 pt. font. Times New Roman. Double-spaced.)
- **Journal Entries:** Students will write six journal entries in the voice of a chosen character in the book that they did not write the book review on. Each journal entry should be at least one paragraph (5-7 sentences) and include details from the plot and extended understanding of the theme. (Typed preferred. 12 pt. font. Times New Roman. Double-spaced.)

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GRADE 8

- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

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Assignments:

- **Book Review:** Students will write a book review for the book. This will be written in the student's voice as a movie critic, awarding either a thumbs up or a thumbs down rating. This critique should include a review of the plot, the genre, the theme, characterizations and overall rating and impression. (At least one-two typed pages. 12 pt. font. Times New Roman. Double-spaced.)
- **Journal Entries:** Students will write seven journal entries in the voice of a chosen character in the book that they did not write the book review on. Each journal entry should be at least one paragraph (5-7 sentences) and include details from the plot and extended understanding of the theme. (Typed preferred. 12 pt. font. Times New Roman. Double-spaced).