

6th-7th English Summer Reading Requirements

Summer Reading Expectations:

As sixth and seventh grade English teams, we encourage students to read a lot and to read a variety of genres. In fact, we are so passionate about reading that we're challenging everyone to read a book a week this summer! As teachers, we are taking on this challenge, too, and we're excited to come back in the fall and share what we've read. Now, we are also realistic about this challenge and realize that many students have camps, family trips, etc. that might limit their time to read. So, for those who need more specific guidelines, here you go:

- 1.) Everyone must read at least **four books**. The book **MUST** be at least 175 pgs.
- 2.) Each book must be from a **DIFFERENT GENRE**. (See genre list below)
- 3.) Everyone must **keep track** of ALL of the book titles (including authors, page numbers and genres) they read using the genre tracking chart below. *Students should also record any books they start and decide not to finish. (This helps us know what kinds of books to add- or to NOT add- to our classroom libraries.)* During the first few days of class in the fall, students will be expected to use these reading logs for in-class activities.

Most importantly, we want students to read books they love- books they find interesting, entertaining, and enjoyable. If a student isn't enjoying a book, we encourage them to put it down and choose another.

Frequently asked questions:

1.) Is there a minimum page requirement?

Yes, 175 pages is the minimum for that book to count towards summer reading. However, we encourage students to pay attention to the reading level as well. While we always encourage students to read books that challenge them, more importantly we want students read books they can comprehend.

2.) Do graphic novels count as books?

Yes, but only one will count towards the genre requirement. And it still has to be at least 175 pages.

3.) Do comic books count as books?

No, they don't.

4.) Do magazines count as books?

Not for this kind of assignment

5.) Do joke books count?

No, they book much have characters and a plot.

6.) Do I have to read every day?

We don't have a way to enforce this, obviously, but we're going to say yes, even if it's just a page. Take advantage of car rides, down time, etc.

7.) Do audiobooks count?

Yes, as long as you're reading along in the book. And the actual book still needs to be at least 175 pages.

8.) Do books I'm reading for other classes count?

No, they don't.

9.) Can I read more than four books?

Yes, please! We are encouraging a book a week, but at a minimum, you are reading four books from four different genres.

10.) Will I have to do a book report or book talk for these books?

No, you won't have to do a book report or take a quiz on these books. However, you will be expected to participate in activities that require you to talk about the basic plot, main characters, and main theme (lesson learned). If it helps to take a few basic notes on the book, feel free to do that, especially if you're someone who plans to read a lot more than 4 books. You are welcome to bring those notes to class at the beginning of next year.

Genres Choices from which you may choose

Fiction:

realistic fiction

science fiction

fantasy

romance

mystery

historical fiction

action/adventure

drama

horror

dystopian

graphic novel

Non-fiction:

biography

memoir

autobiography

historical non-fiction

Book Recommendations

If you are looking for some book recommendations, check out the links below. Please note that teachers have not necessarily read all of these books, and therefore, we can't speak to the content or appropriateness for all ages. Please read the included descriptions and level-recommendations for further guidance.

Books Suggestions for Sports Fanatics: <https://www.booklistonline.com/Top-10-Sports-Books-for-Youth/pid=7675889>

Book Suggestions for Sci Fi Enthusiasts: <http://bestsciencefictionbooks.com/best-science-fiction-books-for-young-adults.php>

Book Suggestions for the Fantasy Fans: http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/26979.Best_Fantasy_Books_for_Middle_Schoolers

YA Book Suggestions: <http://www.readbrightly.com/ya-books-2017/>

Scholastic Book Suggestions: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/favorites-classics/top-picks-middle-schoolers>

Book Log

Name:

Directions: Write down each book you started and gave a good effort to and put down, and each book you finish. You will not write each time you read.

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