Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

On the first day of class, the following assignments will be collected. This will count as your first Literature grade. DO NOT use a report cover to keep your papers and DO NOT staple them together.

Your assignment this summer is to read TWO books, one Nonfiction and one Fiction. If you don’t know what to read, look at the recommended reading list found on the following page as a jumping off point. If none of these titles interest you, see your public librarian for great ideas.

For EACH assignment, head your pages with YOUR NAME, the TITLE, the AUTHOR, and the TYPE of literature(GENRE). **Please limit your writing to NO MORE than two pages for each type.**

**Nonfiction Book** (Write three paragraphs)

* *In your first paragraph,* give a brief summary of the book.
* *In your second paragraph,* describe, in your own words, something new that you learned.
* Did you like this book? *In your last paragraph,* describe why you did or did not like this book.

**Fiction Book** (Write five paragraphs)

* *In one paragraph,* give a BRIEF summary of the story. Include the main characters, the action, and how the story ended. Use only one paragraph to tell the story.
* *In one paragraph,* describe the DETAILS of the setting(s): where and when the story takes place. Remember, the setting is not limited to cities and dates. It can be seasons, historical events (like “during the Great Depression”), or even country vs. cityscapes.
* Pick your favorite character. *In one paragraph,* describe this character’s feelings throughout the story. Go beyond the typical adjectives (happy,sad,scared). Look up ways to describe a character’s feelings or personality. Then, tell ***why*** the character felt the way she/he did, using specific examples from the book.
* Choose your favorite event from the book. *In one paragraph,* describe your mood when you read this passage. Was it frightening, creepy, terrifying? Exciting, moving, thrilling? Gloomy, depressing, disheartening? Happy, joyful, cheerful? Give specific examples from the book to explain your mood.
* Did you like this book? *In one paragraph,* describe why you did or why you didn’t like this book.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER AS YOU COMPLETE YOUR SUMMER READING:

√ Both reports should be typed using 12-point, Times New Roman (or similar) font.

√ Each report should be NO MORE than TWO pages.

√ Use the correct heading for each paper.

√ Double-space your paper - THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE MUST.

√ REVISE AND EDIT YOUR WORK. Ask someone else (like a parent) to read it.

**Rising 6th Grade Recommended Reading List**

**MYSTERY**

*The London Eye Mystery* by SiobhanDowd

*The Blackthorn Key* by Kevin Sands

**REALISTIC FICTION**

*Save Me A Seat* by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

**NONFICTION**

*Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White* by Melissa Sweet

*Hidden Figures* (Young Readers' Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly

**FANTASY**

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Regan Barnhill

*Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

*A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

*Sweet Home Alaska* by Carole Estby Dagg

**ADVENTURE**

*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

*The Doldrums* by Nicholas Gannon

**CLASSIC**

*The Trumpet of the Swan* by E. B. White

*My Side of the Mountai*n by Jean Craighead George

**CLA CHOICE**

*The Staircase* by Ann Rinaldi