

SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2023

Read the following two books prior to the first day of school.

1. Each student will read *Black Ships before Troy: The Story of the Iliad* by Rosemary Sutcliff (ISBN 978-0553494839). The class will be discussing this book in preparation for the study of ancient literature.

Please compose a paragraph, to be handed in the first day of class, with the following information:

- Title
- Author
- A summary of the plot (the key points of a Story Map)
- A description of three main characters in the book
- Three sentences telling whether or not the student would recommend the book to other readers, and why or why not

The paper may be typed or neatly handwritten using black or blue ink only.

The following criteria will be used to grade this assignment:

- a. The student's name appears in the top left corner of the paper. (2 points)
- b. The paper summarizes the plot. (10 points)
- c. The paper contains a description of three main characters. (9 points)
- d. The paper contains three sentences telling whether or not the student would recommend the book, and why or why not. (6 points)
- e. The paper is typed or neatly handwritten using black or blue ink, and includes the pledge of integrity. (5 points)
- f. Correct spelling and capitalization are used. (3 points)

2. Each student will also read **one book chosen from the Grades 7-8 Reading List.** In four to six sentences, write a summary of the book.

The paper may be typed or handwritten using black or blue ink only. The following criteria will be used to grade this assignment:

- a. The student's name appears in the top left corner of the paper. (2 points)
- b. The paper contains 6-8 sentences summarizing the book. (10 points)
- c. The paper is typed or neatly handwritten, using **black or blue ink**, and includes the pledge of integrity. (4 points)

Students should affirm the integrity of their work by writing the following pledge on each assignment and signing it:

I have read this whole book, and all written work is my own.

Grade 7 Summer Reading List 2023

Fiction

Author Title

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Alcott	Little Women
Curtis	The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963
DeJong	The House of Sixty Fathers
Fletcher	Shadow Spinner
Jacques	Redwall
Jacques	any in the Redwall series
Kipling	The Jungle Book
Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Stevenson	Treasure Island
Sutcliff	The Eagle of the Ninth (1st in Trilogy)
Sutcliff	The Silver Branch (2nd in Trilogy)
Sutcliff	The Lantern Bearers (3rd in Trilogy)

Non-Fiction

Author Title

Bauer	The Story of the World - Early Modern Times
Bauer	The Story of the World - The Modern Age
Bendick	Archimedes and the Door of Science
Fritz	Around the World in a Hundred Years
Sheinkin	The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery