

# Summer Assignments 2022

## English Reading Assignments

The students should read each work carefully and thoughtfully, taking notes on what he reads as discussion and evaluation of reading will begin on the first day of classes.

The English Department's Philosophy: Every part of who we are as human beings—mind, spirit, and body—needs nourishment. Reading goes a long way towards the care of all of those parts: our hearts are touched, our imaginations are stimulated, and our bodies are relaxed.

All of our English courses for grades 6-12 require students to read **two titles** over the summer. Note taking (character names, significant events or action from the story) is suggested as students read so that review of the novel prior to assessments is possible. The title labeled "Required Reading" will be assessed on the first day of classes. Students are then expected to read at least one additional title listed under "Selected Titles." These novels will be discussed and assessed during the first cycle of the schedule in the school year.

### 6th Grade

Required reading by all:

1. Holes by Louis Sachar ISBN-13: 978-0440414803

Selected titles (choose at least ONE of the following):

2. Janitors by Tyler Whitesides
3. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
4. Football Genius by Tim Green
5. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

### 7th Grade

Required reading by all, choose ONE of the four following books:

- [Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass](#) (Realistic Fiction)
- [The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton](#) (Realistic Fiction)
- [Hazard by Frances O'Roark Dowell](#) (Verse Narrative/ Realistic Fiction)
- [New Kid by Jerry Kraft](#) (Graphic Novel/Realistic Fiction)

Pick another book to read from the list below, organized by genre. The books selected were favorites of McQuaid 7th graders in 2022:

#### Science Fiction

- Scythe* by Neal Shusterman
- Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- MiNrs* by Kevin Sylvester
- The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

Favorite Mystery novels (as selected by current 7th graders)

- Ali Cross* by James Patterson
- They Call Me Zombie* by John Mercer
- Greenglass House* by Kate Millford
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

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## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Continued:**

Favorite Historical Fiction novels (as selected by current)

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

*Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz

*A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park

*Prisoner of War* by Michael P. Spradlin

Fantasy

*The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* by Eugene Yelchin and Matthew Tobin Anderson

*Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer

*The Callers* by Kiah Thomas

*The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier

Poetry

*The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander

*Booked* by Kwame Alexander

*All of Me* by Chris Baron

*The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling

## **8th Grade**

Required reading by all:

1. *Heat* by Mike Lupica ISBN-13: 978-0142407578

Selected titles (choose at least ONE of the following):

2. *The Brave* by Robert Lipsyte

3. *Blue Skin of the Sea* by Graham Salisbury

4. *The Runaway King* (Book 2) by Jennifer A. Nielsen