

7th Grade Summer Reading 2023-2024

Choose one of the seven books described in the chart on page 2 of the packet.

- You can find copies of the book at your local library, online, or in a bookstore.
- You may also listen to the audio book version of your novel.

2.) Read your chosen novel. As you read, fill out the graphic organizer located on page 3 of this packet. The organizer focuses on identifying the character traits of the novel's main character.

3.) When you arrive back at school in September, *you will be required to turn in the organizer for a grade*. You will also be required to complete a writing assignment about the character traits of the main character in your novel. *You will be able to use your graphic organizer when completing the writing assignment*.

4.) If you have any questions as you are reading (about the novel or the organizer), please email...

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Title	Author	Description
<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	Avi	Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle is excited to return home from her school in England to her family in Rhode Island in the summer of 1832. But when the two families she was supposed to travel with mysteriously cancel their trips, Charlotte finds herself the lone passenger on a long sea voyage with a cruel captain and a mutinous crew. Worse yet, she becomes enmeshed in a conflict between them! Charlotte's ocean crossing turns into a harrowing journey, where she gains a villainous enemy and is put on trial for murder! <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>The Night Diary</i>	Veera Hiranandani	It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of thousands are killed crossing borders. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees and embark on a long, difficult journey to reach her new home. <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>New Kid</i> (graphic novel)	Jerry Craft	This graphic novel is about seventh grader Jordan Banks who loves drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>White Bird: A Wonder Story</i> (graphic novel)	R. J. Palacio	In R. J. Palacio's best-selling collection of stories <i>Auggie & Me</i> , which expands on characters in <i>Wonder</i> , readers were introduced to Julian's grandmother, Grandmère. Here, Palacio makes her graphic novel debut with Grandmère's heartrending story: how she, a young Jewish girl, was hidden by a family in a Nazi-occupied French village during World War II; how the boy she and her classmates once shunned became her savior and best friend. Sara's harrowing experience demonstrates the power of kindness to change hearts, build bridges, and even save lives. <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>Legend</i>	Marie Lu	What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors. Born into an elite family in one of the Republic's wealthiest districts, fifteen-year-old June is a prodigy being groomed for success in the Republic's highest military circles. Born into the slums, fifteen-year-old Day is the country's most wanted criminal. But his motives may not be as malicious as they seem. From very different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths - but in a shocking turn of events, the two uncover the truth of what has really brought them together, and the sinister lengths their country will go to keep its secrets. <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>Travel Team</i>	Mike Lupica	Twelve-year-old Danny Walker may be the smallest kid on the basketball court, but don't tell him that. No one plays with more heart or court sense. But none of that matters when he is cut from his local travel team, the very same team his father led to national prominence as a boy. Danny's father, still smarting from his own troubles, knows Danny isn't the only kid who was cut for the wrong reason, and together, this washed-up former player and a bunch of never-say-die kids prove that the heart simply cannot be measured. <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>
<i>Red Midnight*</i> <i>* Some mature content</i>	Ben Mikaelson	When guerrilla soldiers strike Santiago's village, they destroy everything in their path -- including his home and family. Santiago and his four-year-old sister escape, but the only way they can be truly safe is to leave Guatemala behind forever. So, Santiago and Angelina set sail in a sea kayak their Uncle Ramos built. Sailing through narrow channels guarded by soldiers, shark-infested waters, and days of painful heat and raging storms, Santiago and Angelina face an almost impossible voyage hundreds of miles across the open ocean, heading for the hope of a new life in the United States. <i>(from Amazon.com)</i>

Summer Reading: Characterization Graphic Organizer

Name: _____ Book Title: _____ Author: _____

DIRECTIONS: Use the chart to keep track of the main character's personality traits as you read.

- Write down **at least 3 DIFFERENT** personality traits that the main character shows throughout the book. Write down the trait and a direct quotation (word for word in quotation marks with the page number) that shows that trait. Then, write at least 2 complete sentences in your own words to explain what was happening and why the quote shows the trait. You may use the attached list of character traits for ideas.

<u>Main Character's Name and the Trait</u>	<u>Direct Evidence for the Trait</u> (a direct quotation showing the trait – word for word in quotation marks with page #)	<u>Explain the Evidence in Your Own Words</u> (at least 2 complete sentences explaining what was happening and why the quote shows the trait)
<u>Example</u> Wallace is <u>courageous</u> .	<u>Example</u> “He stared down the bully with a defiant and confident attitude.” (Page 10)	<u>Example</u> Wallace knew the bully had hurt other people and could possibly hurt him. Other people avoided or ran from the bully, but Wallace faced him. Wallace was scared, but he had the courage to stay and stare at the bully anyway. He was courageous and didn't show his fear.

CHARACTER TRAITS

active	determined	lazy	proud
adventurous	dishonest	logical	quiet
afraid	disrespectful	lonely	respectful
angry	dull	loud	responsible
artistic	energetic	loving	rude
bold	fair	loyal	sad
bossy	friendly	lucky	selfish
brave	fun	mature	sensitive
brilliant	funny	mean	serious
busy	generous	mischievous	shy
calm	gentle	mysterious	silly
careful	gloomy	nervous	smart
caring	greedy	nice	sneaky
cautious	happy	noisy	spoiled
charming	helpful	nosy	successful
cheerful	honest	obnoxious	sweet
clumsy	hopeful	optimistic	talented
confident	humble	organized	talkative
confused	humorous	outgoing	thoughtful
cooperative	hyper	patient	timid
creative	imaginative	peaceful	tolerant
cruel	immature	persuasive	trustworthy
curious	impatient	playful	unkind
daring	intelligent	polite	wild
demanding	jealous	popular	wise