



## 7TH GRADE SUMMER READING 2020-2021

Please read the required book below from the appropriate level. The required book in each section will be discussed in class and a graded evaluation will be assigned during the first week of school.

Each student will also choose one additional book from the Free Choice Book list below and complete the reading evaluation form found on page 3 and 4 at the end of this packet. The form is due by the first day of school. **In addition to these two selections students will read *The Gospel of Mark*.**

**Honors 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck**

**CP 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls**

**Free Choice Book (Choose one):**

***A Single Shard*** (Linda Sue Park) Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

***Across Five Aprils*** (Irene Hunt) Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

***Amos Fortune, Free Man*** (Elizabeth Yates) When Amos Fortune was only fifteen years old, he was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts, where he was sold at auction. Although his freedom had been taken, Amos never lost his dignity and courage. For 45 years, Amos worked as a slave and dreamed of freedom. At age 60, he finally began to see those dreams come true.

***Canyons*** (Gary Paulsen) Finding a skull on a camping trip in the canyons outside El Paso, Texas, Brennan becomes involved with the fate of a young Apache Indian who lived in the late 1800s.

***Catherine, Called Birdy*** (Karen Cushman) The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

***The Devil's Arithmetic*** (Jane Yolen) Hannah is tired of hearing about the Nazis during the Holocaust, but when she opens the door for Elijah at the Passover Seder, she is transported in time to 1940s Poland. She is captured and put in a death camp. A girl named Rivka befriends her, teaching her how to fight the dehumanization of the camp and hold onto her identity.

***Hoot*** (Carl Hiaasen) Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

***Island of the Blue Dolphins*** (Scott O'Dell) Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.

***Kingdom Series*** (Chuck Black) This series was first written to inspire children to read the Bible with renewed zeal. It is Chuck's desire to serve the Lord through his work and to inspire people of all ages to study the scriptures in order to discover the hope and love of a truly majestic King and His Son. (any from the series is acceptable)

***Percy Jackson and the Olympians*** (Rick Riordan) This series of books takes the ancient Greek pantheon of gods and goddesses and imagines them as real-world characters. Percy is the son of Poseidon and a human woman who, along with his friends, face trials and journeys of epic proportions. (any of the series is acceptable)

***Ruby Holler*** (Sharon Creech) Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.

***The Big Field*** (Mike Lupica) For Hutch, shortstop has always been home. It's where his father once played professionally, before injuries relegated him to watching games on TV instead of playing them. And it's where Hutch himself has always played and starred. Until now with the summer league championship on the line, just how far is Hutch willing to bend to be a good teammate?

***The Westing Game*** (E. Raskin) The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

***Treasure Island*** (Robert Louis Stevenson) While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

***Walk Two Moons*** (Sharon Creech) After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

**Any Christian or missionary biography, over 150 pages is also acceptable.**

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Summer Reading Book Report  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Answer each of these questions *in complete sentences*. Give as much detail as possible.  
If you run out of space, attach additional pages.

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Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this book?

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Consider the setting of the book. Write at least one sentence to describe each aspect of the setting.

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List three (3) characters that are important in the book and write a sentence describing each one. Include both physical and personality characteristics.

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What was your favorite scene in this book? Describe it in detail.

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If you could write a sequel to this book, what would happen?

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Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

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I verify that I read this book in its entirety during the summer of 2020.

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