

7th Grade ELA Summer Reading and Writing Task

Your reading task is to enjoy your summer reading books in places that are strange, humorous, wacky, or unusual!

Here are your guidelines for Reading:

- Read **one fiction** and **one nonfiction** book of your choosing...**EXCEPT** for the following books:
 1. Restart
 2. Freak the Mighty
 3. Among the Hidden
 4. The Outsiders

It is very important that you don't make these books part of your summer reading because we will be reading these as a class and will be completing specific class activities and projects on them. Thank You!

- Have someone take a picture of you reading in a strange, humorous, wacky, or unusual place- **EXAMPLE:** reading on a Ferris Wheel, sailboat, or while mini golfing (which is what I did last summer), or at the top of a lighthouse, or on a baseball field...wherever!
- **DO NOT** do anything dangerous or inappropriate!
- **DO NOT** photoshop yourself somewhere. You need to actually be at your place. **NO CHEATING!**
- Bring in your **4x6 photo** on the first day of school. We will be using it for our first graded reading assignment. If you take more than one photo, feel free to bring those in, too!
- Bring in the two books that you read on the first day of school, along with your photo. We will be completing reading projects in class and you will need your books.

Have fun and I can't wait to see your pictures in September! I am going to bring mine in, too!

On the next page are some examples of reading in different places!



Here are your guidelines for Writing:

As your future ELA teacher, and as someone who loves to write, I would love to get a sense of how YOU are as a writer. You will be completing TWO writing pieces. Though some of you may be thinking, "Ugh! I hate writing," but you may be surprised at how good you actually are at it! Think of these two writing assignments as just having a conversation with me, but making sure you add the proper spelling, capitalization and punctuation. Looking forward to reading your masterpieces! Please handwrite your pieces on looseleaf paper. No typing! You can print or script. Please write neatly and in pen 😊

1. You are to write two paragraphs about your name and bring your writing in on the first day of school.

- Find out the story behind your name and write it down. Why did your parents choose that name for you? Perhaps you are named after someone in your family, or there are certain name traditions your family passes down. Or, maybe your mom or dad loved a name from watching a tv show or movie. For example, my first name is Holly and my mom named me after a character she liked on a soap opera she watched. To this day, I don't come across many people named Holly!
- Write about what you like about your name and why it's special to you.

2. Write two paragraphs about something you dream of doing. This could be anything you have always wanted to do, like skydiving, or acting in a movie, or visiting all 50 states, etc. This writing piece is NOT about what you want to be when you grow up!

- Discuss something you have always been dreaming of doing but haven't been able to fulfill it yet.
- Explain the reasoning behind why you would like to do whatever it is that you are dreaming of.

***My example: I have ALWAYS wanted to drive across the country in an RV! Why you may ask? I haven't really gotten a chance to explore, see and visit a lot of America. So, this is a big dream of mine**



Grade 7 School Supply List

- **1 box of pencils**
- **1 box of pens (you can get erasable)**
- **1 4-pack of glue sticks**
- **1 package of highlighters**
- **24 pack of crayons**
- **Colored pencils**
- **Markers (regular)**
- **1 pack of multi-colored Sharpie markers**
- **1 pack of multi-colored THIN Sharpie markers**
- **1 package of multi-colored Paper Mate Flair felt tip pens (medium point)**
- **Pencil cases to hold the markers, pens, pencils, etc..**
- **1 small stapler with staples**
- **1 roll of scotch tape**
- **1 ruler**
- **1 package of loose leaf filler paper**
- **Calculator: Texas Instruments model TI-30xa**
- **5 two pocket plastic folders**
- **Wired headphones (no bluetooth ones)**
- **1 box of tissues**
- **1 roll of paper towels**
- **1 container of cleaning/disinfectant wipes**
- **1 regular size bottle of hand sanitizer**
- **Ziplock bags- Gallon Size**
- ***Please note: the reason for all the markers and art supplies is because we do a lot of in school poster projects* THANK YOU!**