

## 7th Grade Summer Reading and School Year Lists 2023-2024



For Summer Reading, you must choose 2 of the following books to read. You are required to complete a project for each of the books you choose.

1. *Restart* by Gordon Korman
2. *Giver* by Lois Lowry
3. *The Nyxia Triad* by Scott Reintgen
4. *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson

If you would like to purchase the books in advance, these are the books that we will be reading during the school year.

1. *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
2. *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

## 6th - 8th Grade Summer Reading Directions - 2023

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**Read these directions carefully!**

You will read **two** books from the summer reading list. For each book read, choose and complete **one** assignment from below. Print out all copies of typed work. You do not need to print out PowerPoint or Google Slide Presentations. All work is due on the **first full Monday** in September. Be prepared to present your projects that week. **All work must be clearly labeled on the front with your name and grade. Include the name of the book and the author on each project.**

***For BOOK 1, choose one of the following assignments:***

### **Give a PowerPoint or Google Slides Presentation**

- Utilize the many features available when creating your slides, such as sound and animation.
- Add interest to your presentation by including pictures/graphics.
- The presentation must include the book's title, author, characters, setting, conflict/problem, and a **brief** summary. **DO NOT** retell the whole story!
- What do you believe is the key lesson or moral that a reader can learn from this novel? Why?
- Explain why you liked or disliked the novel.



### Design a CD Cover and Make a Playlist

- If your book's characters and themes remind you of songs that you love, use that inspiration for your project.
- Create a CD cover that relates to the novel using your own design. Do not simply download an image of the book cover. Include the book's name and author.
- Inside the CD cover, list the real songs and artists and include the reasons that you chose each song. (i.e. how they relate to the story's characters, plot points, theme, or tone.) You must include at least 5 songs.
- Be neat and creative!

### Get Crafty with Cartography (Map Making)

- Recall several places that were important in your book.
- Create a **detailed** map and **illustrate** where the places are in relationship to one another.
- Make your map creative and interesting.
- Include a Map Key in which you **describe each place and why it is so important to the story.**
- You will want to use poster board so that you have enough room for all the information. A piece of computer paper is NOT large enough!

### Create a Diorama

- Design a model of a **very important scene** in the novel.
- Be prepared to explain what the scene is and how it is significant to the overall story.
- Post the book title and author clearly on the front of your diorama.
- This should have student-made items rather than store bought ones.
- Neatness and creativity count!

*For BOOK 2, choose one of the following assignments:*

**Write Letters Between Characters**

- Choose two characters from the novel. Write letters back and forth between them that reflect events from the plot of the story. What would they say to one another?
- You need to neatly write or type a total of at least 6 well thought out letters.
- Each letter should be on its own page and look like a real letter.
- Number each page in chronological order from 1-6 or more.

**Create a Comic Strip or Comic Book**

- Include the book's title and author.
- Choose an **important scene** from the story and turn it into a comic.
- Be sure to include **illustrations and dialogue** that depict the scene you have chosen.
- Your comic should have 6-8 **meaningful** boxes or pages.
- Your audience should be able to grasp the importance of the scene based on what you include in the comic.
- Creativity and neatness count!

**Get in touch with your inner poet**

- Write 4 poems that reflect the book you have read. Each poem can be about a different character or a different part of the story. The poems must be at least 12 lines long and may rhyme or not.
- Use figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification) and imagery (descriptive language) in the poems, especially if you write in free verse.
- Title each of your poems.
- Each poem should be on its own page and include your name, grade, and the book's title and author.
- Let your creativity flow!



### **Create a Diary or Journal in the Voice of one Character**

- Follow the events of the novel and give the chosen character's impressions and reflections about those events.
- Add dates to your journal entries, just like a real journal would have.
- Be sure to go beyond the obvious. A character would be sad if her father yelled at her, but how would she tell about it in her journal? What thoughts are racing through her mind? Who does she turn to for support? Write about it in the journal entries.
- You should have at least 6 meaningful journal entries.
- Be neat and creative!