

Summer Reading - Grade 7

Saint Joseph Parish School
English Language Arts (ELA)
Teacher: Mr. M. Szewczyk

1) Book Assignment #1

Book: A Wrinkle in Time

Author: Madeleine L'Engle

Publisher: Square Fish, Macmillan Book Publishers, New York, 1962

Part 1 - Directions: As you carefully read the novel, write a three to four sentence summary after the completion of each of the twelve chapters. A summary is a brief, concise, and clear description of what the chapter is all about. Be sure to include the main idea and critical details for each chapter.

Part 2 - Directions: Write, or type, a full page that explains your opinion and thoughts of the book. Be sure to support your opinion of the book using text evidence. Include what you might have learned about yourself from reading this book.

2) Book Assignment #2

Book: I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World

Author: Malala Yousafzai (with Patricia McCormick)

Publisher: Little, Brown, and Company, New York, 2014

Part 1 - Directions: Write a letter to the author, Malala, that describes at least three things

that you truly liked and valued about her story. These letters will be presented in class when school resumes in September. Also, in your letter, explain at least three ways in which you aspire to be more like Malala.

Part 2 - Directions: Using a sheet of drawing paper (8 ½ inches X 11 inches) make a portrait of Malala. Somewhere on your drawing, write your favorite quote based on the words of Malala. These pictures will be hung up outside our classroom in the hallway.

3) Book Assignment #3

For this book assignment, select a book in which you are genuinely interested in reading. It could be a chapter book, a biography, or a nonfiction book in science, social studies or even sports. Look for a book that will challenge, enrich, and excite your reading skills and abilities. After you carefully read the book, write a full page letter to your classmates that promotes the book and encourages them to pick it up to read. Inform your audience of the book's genre and explain why you selected this particular book. Create an advertisement poster to accompany your letter that will be presented in class when school resumes in September. On the back of the poster, write three sentences straight from the book that strongly illustrate the meaning and purpose of the book. Include the page numbers of the quoted sentences.

(Note to Students: Be prepared to be assessed on your knowledge and understating of the selected books.

(Note to Parents: Pre-owned copies of these books can be ordered online. However, these books are easily obtainable through Barnes & Noble Bookstores. The assignments have been designed with the pure intention of making reading for students a manageable, enjoyable, and memorable experience.)