



Summer Reading 2009

Students entering 7th grade in 2009

All students entering 7th grade for the 2009-2010 school year are required to participate in summer reading. You **will read two texts** before you come to school in August. Bring the notes from your reading to school with you to complete your assignment.

CHOOSE ONE of the following books to read before coming to school next year:

Green Boy by Susan Cooper

OR The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

OR Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food
by Charles Wilson and Eric Schlosser

OR Fakie by Tony Varrato

When you get back to school next year, you will have to answer a **Text- Based writing prompt** about the book during the first week of school. You **can take notes** on the book as you are reading and **use those notes** to answer the writing prompt. Your teachers have given you some sample types of note taking to use when you are reading. You can **choose one of these tools, or create one of your own** to organize your notes on the book. You will not know the exact writing prompt until you get to school, but there will be **two topics to choose from**.

The important topics of the story are **setting, character changes** and the **importance of the problem or conflict**. Some questions to consider while reading are – how is the setting (time and place) important to the story? Or what is the problem/conflict of the story? Or how does the character change over time?

Here are some sample note taking tools- remember you can create your own too!

Character	Trait/ changes	Page #

Setting	Why is this time or place important?

Problem/ Conflict	Importance to story

Fact	Technique author uses/ page

You also have to read a second piece of text before coming back to school in August. This second text **can be a short story, poem, magazine, novel or another type of text that interests you.** You will **be required** to get in a small group next year and explain your text to your group during the first week of school. We have included some titles as ideas below, but **you can choose any text to read for your second reading** that you like and interests you.

The Watsons Go to Birmingham	Christopher Paul Curtis	This funny book is about an ordinary family during the Civil Rights Movement. The main character is a teenage boy who is borderline delinquent. The family decides to drive him to Birmingham where he will live with his grandmother as a way to intervene.
Crispin	Avi	After being declared a wolf's head for a crime he did not commit-meaning anyone can kill him like a common animal and collect a reward- this timid boy flees a tiny village that is the only world he's ever known. The book then unfolds around the mystery. "Asta's son" as he's always been called, learns from the village priest that his Christian name is Crispin and his parent's lives were more mysterious than he could ever imagine.
Far North	Will Hobbs	After the destruction of their floatplane, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his Dene friend, Raymond, struggle to survive a winter in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories
Homeless Bird	Gloria Whelan	When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
Million Dollar Kick	Dan Gutman	Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.
The View From Saturday	E. L. Konigsburg	Four sixth grade students develop a special bond with their paraplegic teacher who chose them for the academic bowl competition. This story is told in five person first perspective
The Thief Lord	Cornelia Funke	Prosper and Bo are orphans on the run from their cruel aunt and uncle. The brothers decide to hide out in Venice, where they meet a mysterious character who calls himself the "Thief Lord" who leads a ring of street children who dabble in petty crimes.
I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust	Livia Bitton- Jackson	The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

Magazine Titles for Teens:

Dogs for Kids Magazine

Sport's Illustrated for Kids

Cricket Magazine