

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading - 2021

Your assignment is to choose from list of books below and fill out the attached story elements graphic organizer. Please bring your completed graphic organizer to class on your first day of school. It will be used to complete an in-class assignment.

(You are encouraged to read other books over the summer as well. You will receive an additional grade for any summer reading you do beyond the one assigned. If you read additional books, please fill out the attached reading log and bring it with you on the first day of school.)

Assigned Reading choices: (choose 1)

Heidi, by Joanna Spyri – This beautiful, classic story is one of the best pieces of fiction ever written! Heidi, a girl of the majestic Swiss Alps, finds beauty and simple wisdom in nature and Alpine splendor. Living in virtual isolation with her eccentric Grandfather, Heidi develops a special feeling for the plants and animals she finds in the hills and valleys. But her life suddenly changes when she must live in the city. There she befriends a girl in a wheelchair (an invalid girl) and makes new friends. But Heidi grows homesick for her mountain life. Her fascinating and heart-rending adventures in her alpine home and with her city friends will bring tears and smiles!

The Search for Delicious, by Natalie Babbitt - Gaylen, the King's messenger, a skinny boy of twelve, is off to poll the kingdom, traveling from town to farmstead to town on his horse, Marrow. At first it is merely a question of disagreement at the royal castle over which food should stand for Delicious in the new dictionary. But soon it seems that the search for Delicious had better succeed if civil war is to be avoided. Gaylen's quest leads him to the woldweller, a wise, 900-year-old creature who lives alone at the precise center of the forest; to Canto, the minstrel who sings him an old song about a mermaid child and who gives him a peculiar good-luck charm; to the underground domain of the dwarfs; and finally, to Ardis who might save the kingdom from havoc.

The Search for Delicious is a 1969 New York Times Book Review Notable Children's Book of the Year.

Ruby Holler, by Sharon Creech – *Ruby Holler* is a Carnegie Medal-winning novel, and with its quirky protagonists and exciting journey, captures the imaginations of readers of all ages. Brother and sister Dallas and Florida are the “trouble twins.” In their short thirteen years, they’ve passed through countless foster homes, only to return to their dreary orphanage, Boxtan Creek Home. Run by the Trepids, a greedy and strict couple, Boxtan Creek seems impossible to escape. When Mr. Trepid informs the twins that they’ll be helping old Tiller and Sairy Morey go on separate adventures, Dallas and Florida are suspicious. As the twins adjust to the natural beauty of the outdoors, help the Tillers prepare for their adventures, and foil a robbery, their ultimate search for freedom leads them home to Ruby Holler.

YOUR CHOICE – You may choose a piece of fiction/literature. Please choose a book that is at minimum approximately 200 pages, is a “Just Right” Book for your age/grade level and is school appropriate. Your book should also have a strong theme and characters. (Please do not choose a graphic novel as your main summer reading choice. Graphic novels are perfectly fine and even encouraged as additional summer reading.)

Enjoy... and Happy summer reading!



STORY ELEMENTS GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Name: _____ **DATE:** _____

BOOK TITLE/AUTHOR: _____

SETTING: _____ **TIME PERIOD/YEAR** _____

Season:	Does it factor into the story? How?:
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MAIN CHARACTER:	BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
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<b>OTHER CHARACTERS:</b>	
<b>HOW DO THESE CHARACTERS FIT INTO THE PLOT?:</b>	

<b>Problem/Conflict: (What is the trouble or problem the characters are having?)</b>	<b>Resolution: (How did the problem get solved)</b>
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**THEME: (What we learn/moral) :**

NAME:

DATE READING STARTED	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE READING COMPLETED

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

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