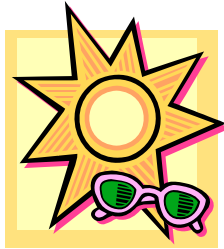


Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment



Students entering seventh grade in the 2008-2009 school year must read a historical fiction novel of their choice. This novel can be set in any historical time period and should reflect the events of its time setting.

Students must write a 1-3 paragraph summary of the novel and include a one-paragraph opinion. The opinion should include what the student thought made the book interesting and/or what could have made the story more interesting. It should also include a recommendation to other people who might be interested in the book.

Students should bring their written summaries to school on the first day. They should also be prepared to answer questions and perform an interview presentation based on the main character in their chosen novel. A list of potential choices has been included; however, students are by no means limited to these choices.

Note: Students cannot take the AR test on their novel for class grade credit.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Phillips

Historical Fiction Examples

Historical fiction is a type of fiction that is set in a certain historical time period and reflects the events and culture of the time. This list is provided as examples of the types of novels included in the historical fiction genre. Students are by no means limited to the suggestions on this list.

The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Journey to Jo'burg, by Beverly Naidoo

Sarah Plain and Tall, by Patricia MacLachlan

The Clay Marble, by Mingfong Ho

Johnny Tremain, by Esther Forbes

My Brother Sam is Dead, by Christopher Collier

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry, by Mildred Taylor

Dragonwings, by Laurence Yep

A Gathering of Days, A New England Girl's Journey, by Loan Blouin

Catherine Called Birdy, by Karen Cushman

The Midwife's Apprentice, by Kate Cushman

The Witch of Blackbird Pond, by Elizabeth George Speare

The Sign of the Beaver, by Elizabeth George Speare

Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, by Eleanor Coerr