

7th Grade Summer Reading

As you begin your summer break it is still important to keep your mind active and gain knowledge. Over summer break you will read two summer reading books. The assignments associated with the novels, are meant to keep you engaged while reading.

The mandatory novel for all incoming 7th graders, it is *The Miracle of Father Kapaun* by Roy Wenzl and Travis Heying.

The Miracle of Father Kapaun is the story of a Priest, Soldier, and Korean War Hero, a rare man. The white house is considering him for a Medal of Honor and he is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization. Father Kapaun displayed heroic virtue as a Chaplain and then POW in Korea.

You also have the choice of one of the following books to complete the attached “your choice” summer reading book report.

***I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai**

I am Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, the fight for a girls’ education, and a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school.

***The Outsiders* by S.E.Hinton**

The outsiders is about two weeks in the life of a 14-year-old boy. The novel tells the story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with the right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.

***Stealing Home: The story of Jackie Robinson* by Barry Denenberg**

Jackie Robinson was a great athlete, but his destiny went far beyond the baseball diamond. As the first black man to play in the all-white baseball leagues, he was a symbol of courage, hope, and unity for all black and white Americans, and for all people through the world.

Summer Reading Report for "your choice book"

Name: _____ Class: _____

First read the entire assignment before beginning your reading. The assignment is designed to help you analyze the novel as you read. You will need to be aware of main characters, themes, plot, and setting.

Title of Book: _____ Author: _____

Novel Prediction: Based on the title, picture, and anything else on the cover, what do you think the book will be about?

List 6 words in the novel, that were either new to you or interesting. List the word and its meaning.

1. _____ :
2. _____ :
3. _____ :
4. _____ :
5. _____ :
6. _____ :

Characterization: Pick 2 main characters and list a minimum of 5 traits or each character

1. _____ :

2. _____ :

Climax: What was the major turning point of the novel, describe the cause and effect surrounding it.

Conflict: What was the major conflict of your novel, and how did the main character react to the conflict? It does not have to be a fight between characters but can be a struggle that the protagonist faces. (man vs man, man vs self, man vs nature)

Theme: What was the theme of the book? You need to explain why you chose this as the theme, what happened within the novel that brought you to this decision? Sometimes there is more than one theme, pick the one that resonates the most with you. Remember the theme is not a summary of the plot, but the message that you should take away from the story. (courage of the human spirit never give up and work hard to persevere, love will find a way)

Authors Purpose: What was the purpose of the novel? Write one or two reasons you believe the author wrote the novel, and why.

To entertain, to amuse, to show, to describe, to persuade, to detail history, to educate, to lift up, there are many more.

The Miracle of Father Kapaun summer reading project

For the mandatory summer reading novel you will create a collage of pictures that represent the book. Use magazines, printed, or hand drawn pictures that you feel show the themes of the novel. You will need to cover the entire poster board. You must have the title, the main theme, and the pictures.

Theme- the theme of the novel is the overall message you took away from the book. Books can have more than one theme and can be different for every individual. Some common themes could be: Always fight for what you believe in, work hard and never give up on your dreams, friendship is worth fighting for.

The rubric for the grading of the collage is below.

Scoring Criteria	Possible Points	Points Earned
Format Size- half poster board to full poster board Neatness- formal appearance with color Creativity No white space	15	
Composition Picture of main character-Father Kapaun Title of book Author Theme- theme the student feels represent novel, written on board Pictures/illustrations that represent theme and novel	50	
Conventions Spelling Punctuation Capitalization Grammar	15	
Oral Presentation Does not read off poster and maintains eye contact with audience. Presents all key elements of poster. Clear and audible speaking voice. Uses good language skills and correct pronunciations.	20	