

Mandatory 6th to 7th grade Summer Reading Project

FICTION

Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain
Stargirl Jerry Spinelli
Out of the Dust Karen Hess
Hoot Carl Hiassen

NON-FICTION

Zlata's Diary Zlata Filipovic
The Great Fire Jim Murphy

1. Read one fiction and one non-fiction book from the lists above. If you read any of the books for a class in 5th or 6th grade, you need to choose a different book. Make sure you read an unabridged version. Illustrated Classics are not allowed.
2. For the fiction book, type the following information (questions and answers) on paper:
 - a. Title (underlined)
 - b. Author
 - c. Setting – where and when the story takes place
 - d. Characters – major characters with a brief description of each. Each character description needs to include two adjectives followed by a supportive sentence from the book. Include the page number of the direct quote. Do not state what the characters do in the story.
 - e. Conflict/Problem – what major problem the main characters have (the one they are trying to solve throughout the book).
 - f. Plot – events of the story in the order in which they occur. This section may be written in paragraph form or as an itemized list. Make sure you use complete sentences either way. You must be specific enough so that we know you have read the book. Please do not copy a summary from another source; plagiarism results in a zero.
 - g. Resolution – how the characters resolve their conflict.
 - h. Theme – (can be more than one) What is the author trying to tell you or teach you? What point is the author trying to make? Again, this is to be written in complete sentences.
3. For the non-fiction book, do ONE of the following literacy activities:
 - a. Write a one page letter to a character about his/her experiences. Details from the book must be included.
 - b. Write a recommendation including title and author. Describe why you liked or disliked the book. Provide specific examples so we know you read the book, but DO NOT write a summary.
4. You will be tested on the two books during the first week of school.
5. Do not make a cover for this report. On the first page, include the following information:
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 - b. Date Submitted
 - c. Title
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