

7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Part A: ALL 7th Grade students need to read:

The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez.

This book is required reading for all classes. There will be discussion and a teacher directed assessment over this book during the first weeks of school.

Part B: In addition to *The Circuit* all 7th grade students need to read ONE book from the following list:

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Jennifer Choldenko

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

The Worst Class Trip Ever by Dave Berry

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The War Between the Classes by Gloria Miklowitz

Kim/Kimi by Hadley Irwin

7th Grade Summer Reading Writing Assignment

Writing in response to literature is a great way for students to organize their thoughts, check for understanding, and even generate ideas. Writing in a reading response journal allows students to better understand a piece of writing as well as give a personal response to it. Each student will make ONE response journal for the book he/she chose to read from those listed in Part B. This will be turned in on the first day of school. This assignment is worth 50 points and will be evaluated on: correct format, accurate and complete summaries, thoughtful responses, grammar and mechanics, creativity of the cover, and neatness.

Follow these directions for completing your journal:

- Divide your book into five sections approximately equal in length. While sections do not need to have exactly the same number of pages, each section must begin with a new chapter. For each of these sections you will write one journal entry.
- For each entry, you will need one sheet of paper. Draw a line lengthwise down the middle of the page.
- On the left hand side of the paper, write a short summary (at least one or two paragraphs in length) explaining what happened in the section. Make sure your summary includes the beginning, middle, and end of the section.
- On the right hand side of the paper, you will write a response to your summary (at least two or three paragraphs in length). You may write about how you feel about what you have read or about experiences you may have had that were similar to the characters' experiences in the book. Some possible sentence starters are:
 - If I were the character....
 - A quote I liked or reacted to is...
 - This reminds me of...
 - This part is interesting/puzzling/challenging because...
 - I now understand why/how/what...
 - I was surprised by...
 - Some questions I have are...
 - I'm confused about...
- The pages should look like this, but you may use lined paper.

Summary	Response

- You must complete one entry as described above for each of the five sections of your book
- Please do not write on the back of your pages.

- Create a cover for your journal. This needs to include:
 - the title of the book
 - the author's name
 - your name
 - a picture of a scene from the book (you may draw it or make a collage using magazine pictures, or computer generated pictures. It should NOT look like the book cover. Be creative!
- Attach your cover to the journal.
- Your final product will be six pages in length.

Have fun reading and completing your project. I am anxious to meet you in August!

Mrs. Suzi Mohr