

Summer Reading 2023

7th Grade English/Advanced English

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Welcome to Summer Reading for 2023! Each student will have a choice of two books to read for the Summer Reading assignment. The novels up for choice are listed below with a short synopsis so that students may choose the one that interests them the most. Students will obtain their own copy of their choice, and then read the book.

If you are an Advanced English student, you have an additional assignment. As well as completing the Guided Reading Questions for the novel, you are required to complete the Character Analysis Questions regarding one character from either of the novels.

I trust that you will dive in and enjoy whichever novel you choose! Please refrain from procrastinating! The assignment should be completed and brought to class on the first day of school. We will be discussing the elements of a novel and completing group projects based on the novel you choose to read. You will also take a test over the novel within the first two weeks of the year!

Have a fabulous summer! HAPPY READING!

****PLEASE READ THROUGH ALL PAGES OF THIS DOCUMENT!****

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Book Choices:

1) *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by AVI

Come along for a murderous adventure on the high seas! Thirteen-year-old Charlotte Doyle sets sail to return to her prestigious home in Providence, Rhode Island from boarding school in England. Traveling on one of her father's ship was sure to be a safe voyage until she is subjected to a sinister captain and is accused of murder. Throughout the journey, Charlotte gains a true understanding of loyalty and justice along with the realization of whom she can truly rely upon. As a result, Charlotte makes a life-changing decision at the conclusion of the book. AVI writes a thrilling story of justice and revenge which leaves the reader pondering how far a person will go to prove himself powerful and in control. Sometimes the choices made though can end up in tragedy!

2) *True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad* by Kathryn Lasky

Come along on an adventure of the Underground Railroad! Fourteen-year-old Lucy would rather go sailing with her grandfather than get ready for her sister's fancy, high-society wedding. Hundreds of miles south, a girl named Afrika is running from the cruelty of slavery and her only guide is the North Star. After Lucy discovers her grandfather's secret life as a stationmaster for the Underground Railroad, she is unexpectedly called to action and Afrika and her life collide! Together they make a break for freedom, fighting to keep each other on the right course- TRUE NORTH! Kathryn Lasky writes a carefully researched and poignantly told work of historical fiction! This story will keep you on your toes and wanting to read more to determine what happens next!

WHICH NOVEL WILL YOU CHOOSE?

Once you decide, obtain a copy of the book and start reading!

7th Grade English/Advanced English Summer Reading Assignment

****Write in blue/black ink (legibly) or type using Times New Roman 12 pt font for all assignments****

You will read the novel you select, and complete the following assignment. Be prepared to discuss this novel the first day of school, and expect a reading comprehension assessment over the novel in the first week.

Part I – Read with a pencil. While you read, underline sections of the texts that you do not understand. Circle words you do not know; write comments and questions in the margins. Think about the text while you are reading. This will help you as you work on the following tasks and as you participate in classroom discussion.

Part II – Complete the Folder Project. If in Advanced, complete the Character Analysis assignment.

Folder Project. (100 pts total)

Choose any folder or envelope (two pockets, manila, mailing, etc.) to represent your learning and understanding of the novel. The folder does not matter but your inside items (see below) must fit inside.

The Outside. Decorate the folder with details and themes found in the book **(25 pts.)**. Your name and class period must show clearly on the outside.

The Inside. The inside of the folder must include the following materials pertaining to the book:

1. **Vocabulary (25 pts.)** - While you are reading, create a 10-word glossary of unfamiliar words from the book and a definition for each word. Include the page number of where the word can be found. Do not take more than two words from each chapter.
2. **Symbolism (25 pts.)** - Symbolism is a literary device that uses symbols (concrete) to represent something beyond the literal meaning (abstract). Identify two examples of symbolism in the novel. Select two objects (concrete) to represent symbolism (symbolism) from the book. In two paragraphs (one to explain each object), explain what the object is, why you chose it, and what it represents in the book.
3. **Theme (25 pts)** - Identify a theme from the novel. Identify that theme and write a paragraph explaining your theme, in detail, using textual evidences to support your theme. Theme is the message of the story that the author is conveying. It is what the author is teaching the reader about life.

Submitting this project – You will turn this folder in on the first day of school, August 16th.

Advanced 7th Grade English Summer Reading Assignment
ADVANCED ENGLISH ONLY

DIRECTIONS: Once you have chosen the novel that you will read, you must first complete the folder project. In addition, you are to complete following Character Analysis questions for the given characters within the novel. Choose one character per the book you read.

List at least five different adjectives for the character, by providing two pieces of evidence from the book, along with the page #/chapter that shows those characteristics.

If you are reading *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, complete a character analysis for ONE of the following characters: **Charlotte Doyle, Captain Jaggery, Zachariah.

If you are reading *True North*, complete a character analysis for ONE of the following characters: **Afrika, Lucy

Character Name: _____

Adjective 1: _____

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:

Adjective 2: _____

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:

Adjective 3: _____

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:

Adjective 4: _____

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:

Adjective 5: _____

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2:
