

**Summer Reading 2024**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Advanced English**

Upcoming LCA 7<sup>th</sup> graders,

Welcome to Summer Reading 2024! Only one book is required, and you can choose between the three listed below. You are responsible for obtaining your own copy of your book choice. Prior to reading the book, review all directions for the assignment.

If you are an Advanced English student, you have an additional assignment. In addition to the Folder Project, you are required to complete a Character Analysis.

I trust that you will dive in and enjoy whichever novel you choose. *It is imperative that you refrain from procrastinating!* The assignment should be completed and brought to class on the first day of school. We will discuss the elements of a novel and complete group projects based on the novel you choose to read. You will present your project to the class, and you will also take a test over the novel within the first two weeks of the school year!

Have a fabulous summer!

Blessings,

Mrs. King

## Book Options:

- ***True North* by Kathryn Lasky**
  - (ISBN-10: 0590205242; ISBN-13: 978-0590205245)
- ***True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi**
  - (ISBN-10: 0545477115; ISBN-13: 978-0545477116)
- ***The Call of the Wild* by Jack London**
  - (ISBN-10: 1954839146; ISBN-13: 978-1954839144)

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English/Advanced English Summer Reading Assignment

### Part I - All Classes -

**Read with a colored pencil.** While you read, underline sections of the text 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 - All Classes - **Complete the Folder Project.**

### Part III - Advanced Only - **Complete the Character Analysis.**

## Folder Project (100 points total)

**Folder** - Choose any folder with three prongs (to bind papers inside) to represent your learning and understanding of the novel.

**The Outside (20 pts.)** - Decorate the folder with multiple details, symbols, and themes found in the book. Include the book title and author. Your name and class period must show clearly on the outside.

*Symbolism is a literary device that uses symbols (concrete) to represent something beyond the literal meaning (abstract).*

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

1. **Theme (20 pts)** - Identify an overall theme from the novel. Identify that theme and write a paragraph (five sentences) explaining the theme, in detail, using textual evidence to support your reasoning.

*Theme is the message of the story that the author is conveying; it is what the author is teaching the reader about life.*

2. **Chapter Analysis (50 pts.)** - Choose five chapters from the book, but they should not be consecutive (following one after another/in order). Use separate pieces of paper for each chapter. Include the following on each page of your chapter analysis:
  - Characters - A brief description of the characters in the chapter. Include items such as looks, character traits/personality, etc.
  - Setting - Where/when the chapter takes place
  - Personal Reaction - How can you relate to what is happening in the chapter? What has happened in your life that is similar? Does it remind you of something? What did you think of the plot (the storyline/events)? Did you enjoy it? Why? Did you not enjoy it? Why not?
  - Illustration - Illustrate the imagery that comes to mind as you read the chapter. This should be hand-drawn and colored.

**Class Presentation (10 pts.)** - This will take place during the first two weeks of school.

## Advanced 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English – Summer Reading – Character Analysis

**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 for the given characters within the novel. Choose one character per the book you read. Include the Character Analysis sheets within the folder.

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**
- If you are reading *The Call of the Wild*, complete a character analysis for the following character: **Buck**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Advanced 7<sup>th</sup> Grade English - Summer Reading - Character Analysis**

**Book Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Character Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adjective 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

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