

O.L.A. Grades 7 and 8 2024 Summer Reading

All students entering O.L.A. grades 7 and 8 in September 2024 are required to complete the following summer reading assignment. The assignment is due on the first day of school. A recommended book list is attached. **Students may read books from the list or books of their own choosing**

Students should try to read two or more books this summer, **but students only need to complete the written work for one book.**

Assignment:

Part 1 - One or two typed, double-spaced or neatly handwritten pages

As you read the book, pause periodically, think about what you have read, and write down the following:

- a question beginning with “Why”
- a question beginning with “How”
- a question beginning with “What”
- a statement beginning with “I predict” or “I remember,” followed with a “because” statement. For example: *“I predict Tom Sawyer will run away because he always gets in trouble at home.”*

You must have at least 5 “why” questions, 5 “how” questions, 5 “what” questions, and 5 “I predict/because” or “I remember/because” statements. (You don’t have to answer the questions!)

Part 2 - One to two typed, double-spaced or neatly handwritten pages

List in complete sentences the major events in the book (approximately 8-10 sentences.) Do not write in paragraph form. Create a list of individual sentences.

Write a brief paragraph describing the setting – where and when the story takes place - and its impact on events.

List and identify briefly the main characters or people. Explain the contribution of each to the story or events (one paragraph for each main character or person)

Select three important quotations from the book. These quotes might represent significant moments in the plot or for a character, or you may simply find them memorable. Copy the quote (*include page numbers in parentheses*) and in one or two sentences, explain its importance.

Summer Reading Selections:

Students should try to read two or more books this summer, either from this list or books of their own choosing.

Realistic Fiction

Brave Like That by Stoddard

Mother-Daughter Book Club by Vogel Frederick

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Pearsall

The Grip by Marcus Stroman

Thirst by Bajaj

Historical Fiction

Esperanza Rising by Ryan

Fever, 1793 by Anderson

Adventure/Fantasy/Mystery

7 Riddles to Nowhere by Cattapan

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Grabenstein

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by Lewis

Storm Breaker - Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Lin (and other books by Grace Lin)