

Course: 7th Grade ELA (English/Language Arts)

School Year: 2021-22

Assignment: Summer Reading

Purpose: To foster enjoyment of reading and to assess students' current writing skills.

Grade: This will count as a test grade.

All students will be asked to read **one** book from the provided list and to complete a writing task. All the books on the list share the common theme of “self identity and self discovery”. The purpose of this assignment is to foster a love of reading, prepare you for the seventh-grade theme, and to assess current writing skills. At the beginning of the school year, your ELA teacher will expect you to have read your book and completed the assignment.

ELA Summer Reading Assignment

1. Select a book to read from the Summer Reading List. You are required to read only **one** book from the list.
2. Please complete the following task which will be counted as a test grade in your ELA class. This assignment must be typed and double spaced. Use 12 point font (Times New Roman). Your name must be in the top left hand corner of the paper. You must also include the author and the title of the novel.
3. Using the **RACER** guidelines, write a response to the following question: **How is the theme of self identity and self discovery witnessed in your novel?**
4. In addition to the RACER response, draft **three** quality questions that demonstrate higher order thinking. These questions should be designed so that there is not necessarily one correct response. Instead, each question should promote intelligent discussion about the book.. (i.e.) In the novel *Flipped*, Bryce's grandfather says, “The choices you make now will affect you for the rest of your life. I'd hate to see you swim out so far that you can't get back.” What is he attempting to tell his grandson? Why does Bryce need to learn this lesson? (This is one question in two parts.)

R A	Restate and answer the question in the form of a statement. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One sentence
C	Cite textual evidence to support your answer. (Provide two examples) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One sentence for each example Sentence starters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the text...• On page _____, the author stated...• In the text it states...
E	Explain how your textual evidence supports your answer. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two sentences for each example Sentence starters <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This shows...• This demonstrates...• This proves...• The evidence suggests...
R	Reword the main idea to wrap up your writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write a concluding statement in one sentence.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!