

School of the Future
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Dear Rising 7th Graders,

We look forward to meeting you in September! To prepare for seventh grade, please complete the summer reading homework described below. This is your chance to show off what amazing readers and writers you are, so please put in your best effort and use all of the skills that you learned in 6th grade. We've heard great things from Lindsay and Alie and we're eager get to know you and read your wonderful work!

Happy Summer Reading,
Dina and Alena (7th Grade Humanities Teachers)

Summer Humanities Assignment: Reading and letter writing

In preparation for next year, please visit your local public library or favorite book store and select at least:

- **Four** books to read over the summer:
 - Two **fiction** books (*see suggestions below*)
 - One **non-fiction book** (*This can be narrative or informational*)
 - One book of your genre choice

A. Submit a book log that includes:

- Title and author
- Start and end date for each book you read
- Number of pages in each book.
- Did you find the book to be easy, just right, or challenging?

B. Choose *one* of the FICTION books to write about in a two page letter to your seventh grade Humanities teacher (It should begin: “*Dear Seventh Grade Humanities Teachers*”) This letter should serve as a way for us to get to know you as a reader **and** as a person.

- Here are some questions/suggestions to help you think about what you might want to include in your letter:
 - Introduce yourself and provide a brief summary of the book.
 - What effect did your summer reading book have on you? Did you like or dislike it? Why? Why not?
 - Why did you chose this book? How does this book reflect your preference of genre and/or author and/or interest?
 - Describe your emotional reactions (*what you felt*) as well as your intellectual response (*try to use signposts*) to explain your thinking.
 - Was there a major character conflict? If so, explain.
 - Identify and explain a theme or a big idea you feel the author wanted you to take away from the book.
 - How did this book make you think differently about your life and/or the world?

- Remember to cite specific evidence from the text when providing examples in your letter.
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Suggestions for books can be found from the following lists:

<https://www.middleweb.com/15164/student-summer-reading/>

<https://www.hbook.com/2018/05/blogs/family-reading/2018-summer-reading-horn-book-middle-school/#>

<https://www.nypl.org/events/summer/reading-challenge/book-list-5>