

Summer Reading Assignment 2022



Welcome to Saugus Middle School! We are so excited to meet you and get our year started! Enjoy your summer (and, of course, your summer reading!) and we will see you in the fall!!

Please select **ONE** novel from the list below to read during the summer. These titles are based on the theme of **belonging and acceptance** which we will be discussing during the beginning of the year.

After you read, please choose **ONE** corresponding assignment to complete that addresses the elements of fiction. Assignments are on the second page. Use the cheat sheet to help remind you of important ELA vocabulary!

6th Grade Summer Reading List

1. Auggie and Me by R.J. Pallacio (Sequel to Wonder)
2. The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
3. Blackbird Fly by Erin Entrada
4. Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
5. Blubber by Judy Blume
6. Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
7. The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya
8. Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Elements of Fiction Cheat Sheet

Exposition: The introduction of the story where we learn about characters, setting, and situation.

Rising Action: The events that lead up to the climax (includes conflict)

Conflict: The main problem of the novel.

Climax: The point of most tension in the novel, a turning point

Falling Action: Events that follow the climax and lead to the resolution.

Resolution: How the story ends and the conflict is resolved.

Theme: The message the author is trying to teach the reader. (The life lesson)

Characterization: how the author creates a character using traits (personality) and motives (reasons for actions)

Setting: The time and place of a story's action

Summer Reading Book Reports:

Focus on Theme, Characterization, and Elements of Fictional Plot

Options: **CHOOSE ONE**

1. Create a plot scrapbook
 - a. Include six pictures, one for each of the following plot elements: exposition, rising action, conflict, climax, falling action, and resolution. Include a caption for each image that explains what the picture is and how it ties in to the theme and characters of the story. Each caption should be at least two sentences.

2. Create a plot alphabet
 - a. For each 26 letters in the alphabet, write a short phrase or sentence that touches on the plot elements, characterization, important scenes, and themes. The finished product should give a thorough overview of your novel.

3. Imagine that you are writing for a magazine and you have been asked to write a book review.
 - a. Write the review (which is part summary and part recommendation) and include at least 5 details and 3 direct quotes. Explain the details and quotes and how they portray the plot, characters, and theme.

4. Create a plot map
 - a. Look back closely at the places that were important in your book, and illustrate a map that shows where they all are in relation to one another. Then create a key in which you explain in at least one complete sentence why each place is so important to the story.

Any questions or concerns you can contact the teachers directly:

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Happy Reading!