

# Summer Reading Assignment 2022

Over this summer you are being asked to read two texts! Please select one novel from the list of fiction titles and one article from the list of nonfiction titles.

After you have completed the reading, you will need to complete the corresponding assignment on the second page that addresses the elements of fiction and nonfiction. *Be sure to use the Elements of Fiction Cheat Sheet (listed below) to help you complete your assignment!*

## 7th Grade Summer Reading List

- Fiction (choose one title)
  1. Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff
  2. Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
  3. Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher
  4. Every Day by David Levithan
  
- Nonfiction (choose one article)
  1. "Adolescence and the Teenage Crush"  
<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/adolescence-and-the-teenage-crush>
  2. "The Distracted Teenage Brain"  
<https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/the-distracted-teenage-brain>
  3. "Self-Concept" <https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/self-concept>
  4. "Mirror Stage" <https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/mirror-stage>
  5. "Life After Sport" <https://www.commonlit.org/en/texts/life-after-sport>

### **Elements of Fiction Cheat Sheet**

#### **Elements of Plot:**

- 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:

You must complete one assignment for the fiction part of summer reading and complete one assignment for the nonfiction part of summer reading!

## **1. Fiction:**

After completing your fiction novel, choose one of the following assignments to complete before the start of 7th grade. All of the assignments should focus on theme, characterization, and elements of fictional plot.

Choose one of the following:

1. Create an instagram account for the plot of your novel.
  - a. Include six pictures, one for each of the following plot elements: exposition, rising action, conflict, climax, falling action, and resolution. Include at least a two sentence caption for each image that informs your reader (1.) what the picture is and (2.) how it ties in to the theme and characters of the story. There should also be at least one hashtag for each image. This can be submitted as a digital instagram account or drawn /copied images on paper.
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.

## **2. Nonfiction:**

After reading the article, complete the activities that follow the assignment (some multiple choice questions and some close reading questions).