

Summer Reading List English Classes Grades 6 – 8

Summer reading is optional for students in grades 6 – 8.

6th Grade Students may choose either:
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
or
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

7th Grade Students read *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis

8th Grade Students may choose either:
Hatchet by Gary Paulson
 or
Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Middle School Summer Reading Book Report Requirements

This **optional** book report is counted as extra credit in the first quarter. After reading the book **closely follow the below format. Failure to follow this format will forfeit your eligibility for extra credit.**

Paragraph 1:

The first sentence should include the title, author, and a “hook” (some fact or detail that will captivate teacher’s interest). The rest of the paragraph should include the exposition (characters, setting) and a one sentence summary of the plot.

Paragraph 2:

This paragraph should include unpacking the plot, giving details. Be careful here not to exceed the maximum allowable sentences.

Paragraph 3:

Your concluding paragraph should tell your teacher what you thought of the book. Do you like it? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to your friends, and why or why not?

REMEMBER: ALL PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE BETWEEN SIX AND TEN SENTENCES. INCLUDE A TOPIC SENTENCE FOR EACH PARAGRAPH. CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION. USE SPELLCHECK BUT DO NOT RELY ON IT. CHECK YOUR WORK YOURSELF. THIS MUST BE TYPED AND IN MLA FORMAT. INCLUDE A CREATIVE TITLE.

Important Reminder About Using AI Tools

While technology like AI (artificial intelligence) can be helpful for learning, it's not okay to use it to write your summer reading assignment for you. This work should be your own—your thoughts, your words, your effort. Teachers want to hear what you think, not what a computer says! Even if it sounds good, writing from AI often doesn't match how middle school students normally write. Teachers can usually tell when something sounds too grown-up, too perfect, or just not like you. It's always better to try your best and use your own voice. Using AI to write your paper is considered a violation of the Honor Code. That means it's not honest and goes against the rules we all agree to follow.

Format:

Please visit the site below for the format of your book report.

Purdue MLA Format Link