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" (a 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 unpack 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. Did you like it? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to your friends, and why or why not?

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

ADDITIONALLY, recent developments in artificial intelligence have simplified a student's ability to plagiarize. Any work not student-generated will be considered plagiarism and be subject to the school's disciplinary policies. Students may not use any online "helps" in the writing of their papers.

Format:

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

Purdue MLA Format Link

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html