

Summer Reading Grade 7

Overview:

The purpose of summer reading assignments is to support the continued development of reading strategies, writing skills, and critical thinking throughout the summer months. It is especially crucial this summer following the pandemic that these skills be maintained and nurtured. Of course, we hope that our students will also enjoy the experience of reading two good books.

Required Reading:

REFUGEE by Alan Gratz

2nd Book: Students are to read one of the following books:

When Stars Are Scattered - Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Farewell to Manzanar - Jeanne Wakatsui Houston

Esperanza Rising - Pam Munez Ryan

Inside out and Back Again - Thanhha Lai

Refugee Assignments:

Students are to complete 2 assignments (1 writing and 1 creative assignment) based on our required book, Refugee.

WRITING ASSIGNMENT CHOICES: Assignments are to be typed, 12 - 14 font, double spaced. Length - 2 pages.

- 1) **Book Review:** Write a book review for a teen magazine. Be sure to include a brief summary of the conflict each main character faces. Include your opinion on the novel's format. (alternating chapters rotating among the 3 main characters) Discuss what you liked or disliked about the book. Present any changes you would make to the book. What will you remember as a take away from reading it? Do the stories of these 3 refugees relate to the experiences of today's refugees? Would you recommend Refugee to other teens?
- 2) **Dear Diary:** Put yourself in the shoes of either Josef, Isabel, or Mahmoud. Pretend you have a small notebook with you, and choose 2 pivotal events in

your journey. Write 2 diary entries explaining how you are feeling and what you are thinking at the time.

Creative Assignment Choices:

- 1) **Graphic Design** Choose one of the 3 main characters and begin a graphic novel by designing a couple of pages for your book in comic strip format. You will need to focus on a particular time/ event in your story. A minimum of 10 boxes with speech bubbles is required. This assignment is to be completed on white unlined paper or a small poster board.
- 2) **Book in a Bag** Purchase a small gift bag. You are going to give one of your friends a gift - a book in a bag. To do this, you will need to assemble 10 items that represent people, places, events... in the book. Then you must devise a key explaining each item and its importance which also is placed in the bag. Design a card to accompany your gift.

SUMMER READING VERIFICATION FORM

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My child _____ has completed the required reading of REFUGEE and has also read one of the second book choices. I also understand that two assignments will be due the first week of ELA class.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____