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2026 Incoming 6th grade Summer Assignment

Purpose:

Summer reading helps you stay sharp and prepared for 6th grade by strengthening your comprehension, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills. You will select a novel and respond in writing, using evidence and analysis—just like you'll be asked to do in ELA in September.

Step 1: Choose a Book

Select an appropriate novel (fiction) of your choice. If you're unsure where to start, check out the book list linked here: [6th grade Summer Reading Suggestions](#)

Step 2: Choose One Writing Task

After reading your book, choose **ONE** of the writing options below. Each task response should:

- Be 1–2 paragraphs long (typed or neatly written).
- Include textual evidence (quotes or details from the book).
- Use clear organization
- Show your understanding of the story and its elements.
- Be written in complete sentences, using correct grammar and punctuation.

Writing Options

1. Analyzing Key Plot Events

Choose **two or three important events** in the plot that shape the story's direction or outcome. In your response:

- Summarize each event in your own words.

- Explain why each event is important to the story.
- Describe how each event affects the characters or leads to later actions.
- Include **textual evidence** to support your ideas.

2. Character Traits and Development

Choose one **main character** from your novel and analyze their traits and how they change. In your response:

- Describe the character's personality using **at least two traits**.
- Provide **specific examples** from the text that show those traits.
- Explain how the character **changes** or grows throughout the story (if applicable).
- Use **quotes or events** from the novel to support your analysis.

3. Book Review for Peers

Write a **book review** to help other students decide if they should read this novel. In your response:

- Write a brief **summary** of the plot without giving away major spoilers.
- Share your **opinion** of the book (What did you like or dislike?).
- Identify the **theme or message** of the story.
- Recommend the book to a specific audience (e.g., "readers who enjoy adventure stories").
- Support your opinion with **textual evidence** or specific examples from the book.

Resources:

- You can access e-books through the NYPL here: <https://www.nypl.org/about-simplye>
- Our school website <https://library.nycenet.edu>. Find our school from the list on the left, then enter your "nycstudents.net" email to access materials.