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2026 Incoming 7th Grade ELA Summer Assignment

Purpose:

This summer, you will read a novel of your choice and complete a writing assignment that demonstrates your understanding and analysis. This assignment helps strengthen your reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing—skills you'll use in ELA all year.

Step 1: Choose a Book

Select a grade-level appropriate fiction novel that you haven't read before. Look for books that interest you—adventure, historical fiction, dystopian, fantasy, or realistic fiction are all great choices. If you're unsure where to start, check out the book list linked here: [7th grade Summer Reading Suggestions](#)

Step 2: Choose One Writing Task

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

- Be 2- 3 paragraphs long (typed or neatly written).
- Include specific textual evidence (quotes or paraphrased details from the book).
- Use clear organization with an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Demonstrate your ability to analyze and interpret literary elements.
- Be written in complete sentences, with proper grammar and spelling.

Writing Options

1. Plot Structure and Turning Points

Identify and explain three major events or turning points in the story's plot.

In your response:

- Briefly summarize each event in your own words.
- Explain how each event moves the plot forward or creates a shift in the story.
- Analyze how these moments impact the characters and theme.
- Support your points with textual evidence.

2. Character and Conflict

Choose one main character and examine how they respond to a central conflict in the story.
In your response:

- Describe the conflict (internal or external).
- Explain how the character reacts to the conflict and what this reveals about them.
- Analyze how the conflict helps the character grow or change over time.
- Use quotes or specific moments from the text to support your analysis.

3. Critical Book Review

Write a review that goes beyond opinion to provide a critical evaluation of the book.
In your response:

- Write a brief summary of the novel's plot and key characters.
- Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the book (plot, writing style, pacing, theme, etc.).
- Discuss the theme and how well the author conveys it.
- Recommend the book (or not) and explain your reasoning.
- Use textual examples to support your points.

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.