

2023 Summer Reading Requirement for Students Entering 7th Grade

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible, but the requirement is one historical fiction book chosen from the following list, a written assignment, and an AR test all due the first week of school.

***Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson** (AR level: 5.2/11 points) After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. The plot contains graphic descriptions of violence.

***My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier** (AR level: 4.9/7 points) In this novel of the American Revolution, a young man is torn between his brother's patriotism and his father's Tory sympathies.

***Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara** (AR level: 4.7/15 points) This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel covers a fictionalized account of the four most bloody and courageous days of the Civil War--the Battle of Gettysburg.

***Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt** (AR level: 6.6/10 points) Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

Written Assignment:

1. **Introduction - introduce the book** - this will include the book title, author, year published, genre, point of view (1st or 3rd person), and why you chose the book.
2. **Summaries of every 2 chapters** which must include characters, plot, and setting. (For example, read Ch. 1-2 and then write a summary; then read Ch. 3-4 and write a summary, etc.)
3. **Conclusion** which will include the overall theme of the book and why you liked or disliked the book.

*Again, this written assignment will be turned in during the first week of school as well as an AR test taken.

Summer Reading Requirement for Students Entering 8th Grade-2023

Students will read one of the following historical fiction books listed below, complete the written requirement, and take an AR test during the first week of school.

Historical Fiction Book Choices:

Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch

Sixteen-year-old Margaret Rose Nolan, newly arrived from Ireland, finds work at New York City's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory shortly before the 1911 fire in which 146 employees died.

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque

Bewildered German soldiers fight and suffer through the chaos of World War I.

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston

This is the true story of one Japanese American family and their attempt to survive the indignities of forced detention. (it is a memoir, not a historical fiction)

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers

Robin Perry from Harlem is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Written Requirement:

- Paragraph introducing the book, why you chose the book, and whether you liked it or not.
- Summary of every 2 chapters
- Research 2 historical events, people, or settings from the book and write a brief summary including the historical significance of each.

Test:

- AR test taken at the beginning of the year.