

Butler Middle School
English Summer Reading Assignment
FOR ALL 7TH GRADE STUDENTS/ DUE FALL 2018

Congratulations on making it through the 6th grade! Now that you are about to embark on your journey as an 7th grader, your soon-to-be English teachers want to make sure that you are prepared for the expectations of reading novels throughout the year.

Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but those who continue to read *actually gain* reading skills. Students should make an effort to sustain reading skills, practice reading, and reading for enjoyment even though school is not in session (*LD Online Newsletter*).

To begin on the right foot of 7th grade, it is highly suggested that you read the following. There will be an assignment on the first two days of school, so be sure to follow the directions below.

Students will be held accountable for the book through the following:

1. Completion of the attached Graphic Organizer (attached to the back) while reading which will be used as a source material/notes for a
2. Timed-Essay Test within the first two days of school.

NOTE: The selected novel(s) may be either checked out from the public library or purchased from a local bookstore or online. Students **MUST** have the selected novel(s) finished by the first day of school.

If you are going to be in Honors next year, you will need to read **TWO** novels. If you will be in On-Level, then you will read the **REQUIRED** novel. (Intro video: https://youtu.be/Xy2tXf_k_Kw)

7th grade required reading: ALL STUDENTS must read the following novel:

***The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin.** Lexile: 750, Genre: Mystery

7th Grade Optional Books:

7th Grade **HONORS** must choose **ONE** of the following:

***Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli** Lexile: 820 Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen** Lexile: 760, Genre: Eco-Thriller

***Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson** Lexile: 580, Genre: Historical Fiction

***Saturdays at Hitchcock* by Ellen Wittlinger** Lexile: 680, Genre: Realistic Fiction

***Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World* by Jennifer Armstrong** Lexile 1090, Genre: Non-fiction