

7th Grade Summer Reading

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. —Joseph Addison



Incoming 7th Graders should read the following book and complete the summer reading assignment. This will prepare them for class activities at the beginning of the school year.

Call of the Wild by Jack London

Activities to complete:

1. Read and annotate the entirety of the book: You should underline or highlight key information and make small notes in the margins of the books. Think about important ideas, words and actions in the story, ask questions, and seek out answers when you don't understand something (write question marks next to ideas that raise questions for you).
2. Complete the Summer Reading Fiction Organizer located below.

For Parents:

If you would like to help your children enjoy this book even more, consider the following suggestions:

- Have your child choose interesting passages to read to the rest of the family.
- Read portions of the book with your child.

Additional books your child may enjoy reading this summer:

- *Seawolf* by Jack London
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams
- *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll
- *Death on the Nile* by Agatha Christie
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne

SUMMER READING ORGANIZER (FICTION)

Student Name: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

List and briefly describe the important characters:

What is the story's setting (the time period and place)?

Briefly describe major events in the story (between 5 and 10):

Event:

Describe at least 3 main conflicts in the book:

_____ vs. _____ is evident when:

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The Conclusion or Resolution - Are the conflicts resolved? Explain:

List 3 or 4 major themes or life lessons (virtues) from the story:

Describe your personal reactions and questions you have as a result of reading the book (describe at least 5):

Book Rating - Circle the number of stars you give this book (five being the highest) and describe the reason for your rating in the textbox below.

