

# Grade 7 Summer Reading Challenge



Complete the following summer reading challenges to show your reading/writing strengths and interests.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade! You are required to complete this packet for your summer reading assignment. You are asked to complete each reading challenge, but only two of the challenges ask you to read books.

Please do not limit your summer reading to merely two books.

**This packet will be your first test grade of 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA.**

Please take your time and complete each task to the best of your ability. *Do your own work* and please choose challenging, yet grade/age appropriate books. Let your mom or dad help you decide on what you should read. (Parents should approve your reading selections for each item you read for this packet.)

**Challenge #1: Research (15 points)**

Summer is a great chance to learn about the history and science of something you enjoy. Pick a summer topic of interest (swimming, lemonade, the ocean, etc., or anything at all) and research! Write a summary of your findings below:

Topic:

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Paragraph:

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Where did you find your information?

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**Challenge #2: Newspaper Knowledge (20 points)**

Explore a newspaper to learn about current events. Can you find key components in a newspaper? (Staple the article to this page)

Write headline that catches your attention:

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Summarize the article:

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What was the newspaper you read?

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**Challenge # 3: Reading Aloud (15 points)**

Find a spot in the sun to share your favorite children's book with a young child or sibling. Read it aloud to them and ask questions about the book while you read. Make it fun. (Practice reading the book before you read it aloud to your friend/sibling.) Take a picture of you and your friend and glue it below. This doesn't have to be a developed picture; you may print the picture from a computer.

Name of friend/sibling? \_\_\_\_\_

What book did you choose? \_\_\_\_\_

Write the questions that you asked him/her:

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## Challenges #4 and #5

For the next two challenges, choose one fiction book (Challenge #4) and one non-fiction book (Challenge #5) from the list below:

- A book written over 100 years ago
- A book your mom, dad or grandparents loved when they were your age
- A book that takes place in the past
- A book that takes place in the future
- A book with a person's name in the title
- A book with the main character who is the opposite gender as you
- A book recommended by a friend
- The first book in a series

**\*\*Circle the types of book you chose to read.\*\***

### Challenge #4 Character Study through a fiction novel (25 points)

Choose an interesting character from a fictional book of your choice.

Write a paragraph about that character below. (*Character traits describe a character on the inside and outside.*)

Use the following checklist as a guideline to help you:

- Physical Characteristics-use text to describe what your character looks like. (Physical appearance)
- Personality Characteristics-use text to explain how your character feels/acts/responds to specific situations.
- Character's Emotions: Was there a time when this specific character was upset or extremely happy, or sad, or nervous, etc.? List a few of the emotions he/she had throughout the novel and explain why he/she felt this way. What was happening?
- Does your character change throughout the novel? In the last two boxes, explain how he/she was in the beginnings vs the end of the novel.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pages \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this book? \_\_\_\_\_

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Rate it: 1 2 3 4 5

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Interesting 😊

### Challenge #5 Nonfiction Book Project (25 points)

Name of Nonfiction Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author's name \_\_\_\_\_

No. of pages \_\_\_\_\_

Why did you choose this book? \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one of the following project ideas to represent your non-fiction book:

- Create a comic strip of your favorite scene.
- Create a timeline of your story.
- Design a book jacket including a new cover for your book and a new back page. Include author, title, and a brief summary of your story.
- Create a map with all of the key places in your story.
- Write a poem or a song about your book or one of the main characters.
- Choose another way to represent your book. Be creative!!

Rate it:    1       2       3       4       5  
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You may attach your project to this packet or bring it in with your completed packet!



## Summer Challenge Grading Rubric

<b>Challenge:</b>	<b>Points Available:</b>	<b>Points Earned:</b>
Research	15	
Newspaper Knowledge	20	
Reading Aloud	15	
Fiction Novel Characterization Paragraph	25	
Nonfiction Book Project	25	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>100</b>	

