

## Seventh Grade Literature Summer Reading

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### Supply List

- Marble Composition Book for Journal. You may continue writing in the sixth grade journal if there are enough blank pages.
- Three-ring binder with four subject dividers, if needed. You should use the same binder that was used in sixth grade. **Keep all sixth grade notes and vocab!**
- English 7 – A yellow pocket folder for handouts.

Dear Parents.

Please do not edit, correct, or change your child's summer work before it is turned in to me. I believe that it is important for your child's growth and helps him or her take responsibility for the work. Thank you for your cooperation.

Karen Costanzo

This summer project is due on the first day of school. A homework warning will be issued for any project not turned in on the first day of school and ten points will be deducted for each day it is late. After the third day, the project will not be accepted and a zero will be recorded for the grade. **The summer reading counts as a homework and a test grade.** Projects may be typed or on loose leaf.

### 1. Novel

Read Holes by Louis Sachar. Keep a reading journal for every five chapters. Comment on what you read as you are reading it. You should have a minimum of one paragraph for every five chapters. Your paragraphs should have a minimum of five sentences each. There are 50 chapters, so you will have 10 entries. You should write the chapters you are writing about as headers, for example; Chapters 1 – 5, Chapters 6 – 10, etc.

In the reading journal, you should record your reactions, thoughts, and feelings about what you are reading. When you have finished the journal, answer the following questions in paragraph form. Who are the main characters? What kind of people are they? What are their character traits? How do the characters grow and mature as the book progresses? What is the main conflict in this book? How is it resolved? What statement is the author making about people and life? How can you apply what you've learned from this book to your own life? **This should not be a plot summary!!!**

### 2. The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

Keep a reading journal for **each** act as you read this play. In the journal, record your reactions, thoughts, and feelings about what you are reading. When you have finished the play, answer the following questions. Each answer to each question must be at least one paragraph. How does the relationship between Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan change and grow as the play progresses? What does Helen learn about life from Annie and what does Annie learn from Helen. What did you learn about life from this play and how can you apply it to your own life? You may **not** say that it just doesn't apply to your life. Plays are meant to be performed. What problems might you have if you were producing this play on stage? What famous actors would you have play the main parts? **Remember, this should not be a plot summary!!!**