

Summer Reading Requirement 2021

Seventh entering Eighth

Reading:

- Choose a book from the attached list and complete the graphic organizer

Writing

- Write a book report on the book you chose.

Report should:

- be neatly handwritten or typed
- Include introduction paragraph, 2 detail paragraphs, and a conclusion
- Use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Please staple all work together and hand in on the first day of school.

Have a great summer and God Bless!

SEVENTH GRADE ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

***Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of The Iliad* – Rosemary Sutcliff ©2005** Retells the story of the Trojan War, from the quarrel for the golden apple, and the flight of Helen with Paris, to the destruction of

Troy. CCS Age Range: 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 - 8

***Chasing Lincoln's Killer The Search for John Wilkes Booth* – James L. Swanson ©2009** Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the man hunters, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia. Age Range: 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 - 8

***Children of the Great Depression* - Russell Freedman ©2005** Life was hard for children during the Great Depression: kids had to do without new clothes, shoes, or toys and many couldn't attend school because they had to work. Age Range: 11 - 14 Years Grade Level: 6 – 9

***Code Talker: A Novel About The Navajo Marines Of World War Two* - Joseph Bruchac ©2005** After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay is recruited by the Marines to become a Code Talker, sending urgent messages during WW2 in his native tongue.

Age

Range: 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 – 8

***Countdown (Sixties Trilogy)* – Deborah Wiles ©2013** Franny Chapman just wants some peace. But that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Her saintly younger brother is no help, and the cute boy across the street only complicates things. Worst of all, everyone is walking around just waiting for a bomb to fall. Age

Range: 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 – 8

***The Dark is Rising* – Susan Cooper ©1973** On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark. CCS Age Range: 12 - 15 Years Grade Level: 7 - 10

***Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery* – Peter Abrahams ©2006** Eighth grader Ingrid LevinHill idolizes Sherlock Holmes, so it is not surprising when, stumbling across a murder, she opts to keep what she knows a secret and tries to solve the crime herself. 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 – 8

***Elephant Run* – Roland Smith ©2007** Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp. Age Range: 12 – 13 Years Grade Level: 7 – 8

***Esperanza Rising* – Pam Munoz Ryan ©2000** Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression

Story Map

Instructions: Fill in the boxes to show how your story developed.

Name: _____

Characters:

Setting:

Problem:

Title:

Author:

How the Characters Tried to Solve the Problem:

Solution:

