

7th GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT 2017

PART I: WRITING

Write a one page, double-spaced, typed autobiography -- please stay within these limits. You may approach the assignment any way you wish. The only restriction on content, aside from length, is that the first two words of the first paragraph must be "I am...." For example: I am happy. I am a student. I am going to the beach today. I am confused by this assignment.

PART II: READING

You must read three books over the summer. One of the books must be a work of historical fiction. (For suggestions, see the booklist below.

Most of these are works of historical fiction where the events occur sometime between the years of exploration (approximately 1492) and the end of the Civil War (1865). These take place in North or South America or Europe.)

When you return in September, you will be asked to write an essay on the work of historical fiction. You might want to take notes in the margin of your book or in a notebook or use post-its as you read so you will have them to refresh your memory in September.

Suggested books

When choosing an historical fiction novel, be sure it meets the requirements of the time and place. If you are unsure as to whether it is appropriate, choose a book from the list below. These books are suggestions. Please do not come in September having spent time and effort reading and recording information on a book that will not be acceptable.

Alcott, Louisa May	any title
Armstrong, Jennifer	Steal Away
Austen, Jane	any title
Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Beatty, Patrick	Be Ever Hopeful, Hanna Lee
Blackwood, Gary	The Year of the Hangman
Brink, Coral Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn
Bronte, Charlotte	any title
Burgess, Melvin	Burning Issy

Clapp, Patricia	Constance
Cooney, Caroline	Ransom of Mercy Carter
Cooper, James Fenimore	any title
Collier, James and Chris	My Brother Sam is Dead
Crane, Stephen	Red Badge of Courage
Cushman, Karen	The Ballad of Lucy Whipple
DeFord, Deborah	An Enemy Among Them
Dickens, Charles	any title
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	any title
Durbin, Ivan	The Broken Blade
Durbin, Ivan	Wintering
Fast, Howard	April Morning
Fleishman, Paul	The Morning Room
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain
Fox, Paula	The Slave Dancer
Hamilton, Virginia	The House of Dies Dear
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	any title
Hesse, Karen	The Stowaway
Heuston, Kareu	Dante's Daughter
Irving, Washington	any title
Lasky, Kathryn	True North
Levinson, Nancy Smiler	Magellan (Biography)
Lutrell, Wanda	Stranger in Williamsburg
Mitchell, Margaret	Gone with the Wind
Moore, Robin	The Man with the Silver Oar
Paterson, Katherine	Lyddie
Paulsen, Gary	Sarny
Paulsen, Gary	Nightjohn
Petry, Ann	Tituba of Salem Village
Poe, Edgar Allan	any title
Rinaldi, Ann	Amelia's War
Speare, Elizabeth	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Twain, Mark	any title
Wells, H.G.	any title