

Peekskill Middle School
Seventh Grade ELA Summer Reading Assignment
Due Date: Friday, September 18, 2020

Welcome to seventh grade! We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to working with you in September. Over the summer, you are to complete the PKMS 7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment. This project will count towards your first quarter ELA grade. All work must be submitted on Google Classroom.

Directions:

Part One--Short Stories

- Select and read **two** of the short stories listed below. If you want to listen to the audio version of the story click on the link in parentheses. When the video loads, click on settings and turn on the subtitles. You can choose English or Spanish subtitles.
 - “[Seventh Grade](#)” by Gary Soto ([Audio / Video Version](#))
 - “[Thank You, M’am](#)” by Langston Hughes ([Audio / Video Version](#))
 - “[Names/ Nombres](#)” by Julia Alvarez ([Audio / Video Version](#))
 - “[Charles](#)” by Shirley Jackson ([Audio / Video Version](#))
- After you read each short story, complete a Summer Reading Short Story Analysis Sheet.
- You will complete TWO Summer Reading Short Story Analysis Sheets--One for each short story that you read.

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Part Two--Poetry

Read “How to Eat a Poem” by Eve Merriam and “Introduction to Poetry” by Billy Collins. Use the poems to complete the Summer Reading Poetry Analysis Sheet. Write in complete sentences. Remember to proofread your work and use spell check.

7th Grade Required Poems

“How To Eat a Poem” by Eve Merriam

Don't be polite.
Bite in.
Pick it up with your fingers and lick the juice that
may run down your chin.
It is ready and ripe now, whenever you are.
You do not need a knife or fork or spoon
or plate or napkin or tablecloth.
For there is no core
or stem
or rind
or pit
or seed
or skin
to throw away.

“Introduction to Poetry” by Billy Collins

I ask them to take a poem
and hold it up to the light
like a color slide
or press an ear against its hive.
I say drop a mouse into a poem
and watch him probe his way out,
or walk inside the poem's room
and feel the walls for a light switch.
I want them to waterski
across the surface of a poem
waving at the author's name on the shore.
But all they want to do
is tie the poem to a chair with rope
and torture a confession out of it.
They begin beating it with a hose
to find out what it really means.

EXTRA CREDIT!

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Extra Credit Assignment: “Quotes and Notes”

Directions:

Select a book from the summer reading book list below. After you read the book, complete the “quotes and notes” graphic organizer which is attached as a Google Doc on Google Classroom as part of your Summer Reading Project.

SUGGESTED READING LIST

Author	Title	Genre	Reading Level
Card, Orson Scott	<i>Ender’s Game</i>	Science Fiction	Z
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Among the Hidden</i> series	Science Fiction	Z
Clements, Andrew	<i>Things Not Seen</i>	Science Fiction	V
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<i>Becoming Naomi Leon</i>	Realistic Fiction	V
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>The Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Realistic Fiction	V
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Hoot, Chomp, Flush, OR Scat</i>	Realistic Fiction	W
Hapka, Catherine	<i>Dolphin Dreams</i>	Realistic Fiction	S
Sachar, Louis	<i>There’s a Boy in the Girl’s Bathroom</i>	Realistic Fiction	Q
Federle, Tim	<i>Better Nate Than Ever</i>	Realistic Fiction	Z
Flake, Sharon G.	<i>The Skin I’m In or Money Hungry</i>	Realistic Fiction	W
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tiger Rising</i>	Realistic Fiction	T
Greenwald, Lisa	<i>My Life in Pink and Green</i>	Realistic Fiction	T
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Nightjohn</i>	Historical Fiction	W
Downing Hahn	<i>TOOK</i>	Horror	T
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>	Historical Fiction	U
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Woodsong</i>	Adventure	R
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	Adventure	Q
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark</i>	Horror	P
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School Worst Years of My Life Series</i>	Realistic Fiction	W
Morpurgo, Michael	<i>War Horse</i>	Fantasy	T
Olsen , Todd	<i>Lost in the Pacific</i>	Non-fiction	U
Bell, Cece	<i>El Deafo</i>	Non-fiction	Q
Sender, Ruth Minsky	<i>The Cage</i>	Non-fiction	Z
Halse Anderson, Laurie	<i>Forge</i>	Realistic fiction	Z
Bell, Alex	<i>Frozen Charlotte</i>	Realistic fiction	U
Lupica, Mike	<i>Fast Break (or other tiles)</i>	Realistic fiction	V
North Veronica	<i>Divergent</i>	Science Fiction	Z
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>Drums girls and Dangerous Pie</i>	Realistic fiction	Y
Korman , Gordon	<i>Born to Rock, Masterminds (or other titles by this author)</i>	Realistic Fiction	T
Hoose, Phillip	<i>Boys who challenged Hitler</i>	Non-fiction	T
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Ghost</i>	Realistic Fiction	V
Yousafzai Malala	<i>I am Malala</i>	Non-fiction	Y
Peck , Richard	<i>The Best Man (any other books by this author)</i>	Realistic Fiction	W
Creech , Sharon	<i>Love that Dog</i>	Realistic fiction	T
Martin, Ann	<i>Everything for a Dog</i>	Realistic Fiction	U
Adam .Gidwitz	<i>A Tale dark and Grimm</i>	Fiction	U