



MS SUMMER ENGLISH ASSIGNMENTS 2017-2018

English 6 Required Reading

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

- *Enjoy the novel, marking passages that especially interest you or that you do not understand. When you have finished each chapter, write a one-two sentence summary of the chapter. When you have finished reading, write two diary entries from the point of view of Charlotte that extend the ending of the novel. In your diary entries, make an effort to maintain the author's writing style and personality. These entries should be about one page each. Plan to turn in and share your entries with the class.*
- *Choose another novel from the Middle School Independent Reading List (next page)*

English 7 Required Reading

1. Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
2. One other of your choice from the list of suggestions

*Rising 7th graders are required to read **two** summer reading books. One is the student's choice of any book she has not previously read from the list of Independent Reading Suggestions on the reverse side of this page. The other is Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry. Take one page of notes—handwritten or double-spaced typed—for each of the two books read. Notes are ideas, phrases, bullets, or thoughts to remind you of the plot (the story), the setting, and/or the name and basic personality of each main character. Do not take more than **one** page of notes, and bring your notes on both novels the first day of class.*

English 8 Required Reading

1. The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
2. The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Choose five quotations from each novel that you think are the most significant. Select quotations that develop themes or characters. Type your 10 quotations, along with page numbers, and save an electronic copy. We will use your choices for a classroom activity.

Summer is a great time to relax and enjoy reading—and creative writing! Research shows that reading improves with practice so choose as many of these books as you can find time for. Before selecting a book, talk to a librarian or friend for a suggestion, or check the summaries and reviews of these books online at Amazon.com or many other sites. In many cases, these books are part of a series; feel free to choose any title in the series. The most important thing is to choose a book that looks interesting and keep it near you to read when an opportunity arises! Have fun.

Middle School Independent Reading Suggestions

- Alvarez, Julia, *Before We Were Free*
Angelou, Maya, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
Armstrong, William, *Souder*
Avi, *Crispin: The Cross of Lead, Tales of Dimwood Forest*
Babbit, Natalie, *Tuck Everlasting*
Bauer, Joan, *Hope was Here*
Beals, Melba, *Warriors Don't Cry*
Blackwood, Gary, *The Shakespeare Stealer*
Burnett, Frances H., *The Secret Garden*
Cabot, Meg, *The Princess Diaries*
Carmi, Daniella, *Samir and Yonatan*
Cleaver, Vera and Bill, *Where the Lilies Bloom*
Collier, James and Christopher, *My Brother Sam is Dead*
Cisneros, Sandra, *The House on Mango Street*
Colfer, Eoin, *Artemis Fowl*
Collins, Suzanne *The Hunger Games*
Curtis, Paul D., *Bud, Not Buddy, Watsons Go to Birmingham*
Cushman, Karen, *Catherine, Called Birdy*
DiCamillo, Kate, *Because of Winn-Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux*
Draper, Sharon, *The Battle of Jericho*
Du Maurier, Daphne, *Rebecca*
DuPrau, Jeanne, *City of Ember*
Gaines, Ernest J., *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman*
George, Jean Craighead, *Julie of the Wolves, My Side of the Mountain*
Gilbreth, Frank, *Cheaper by the Dozen*
Goodall, Jane, *My Life with Chimpanzees*
Gregory, Kristiana *Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt, 57 B.C. (The Royal Diaries)*
Haddix, Margaret Peterson, *Among the Hidden*
Hesse, Karen, *Out of the Dust, Phoenix Rising*
Hiassen, Carl *Hoot*
Holt, Kimberly, *My Louisiana Sky*
Jacques, Brian *Redwall*
Johnson, Angela, *Heaven*
Keyes, Daniel, *Flowers for Algernon*
L'Engle, Madeline, *The Arm of the Starfish, A Ring of Endless Night*
Le Guin, Ursula, *Very Far Away From Anywhere Else*
Levine, Gail Carson, *Ella Enchanted*
Lowry, Lois, *Number the Stars*
Lupica, Mike, *Heat*
Mass, Wendy, *A Mango-Shaped Space*
Meyer, Stephenie, *Twilight*
Mowat, Farley, *Never Cry Wolf*
Myers, Walter Dean, *Slam*
Neffenegger, Audrey, *The Time Traveler's Wife*
Nelson, Marilyn, *Carver: A Life in Poems*
Oates, Joyce Carol, *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*
Peck, Richard, *A Year Down Yonder, A Long Way from Chicago*
Rawls, Wilson, *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Riordan, Rick, *The Lightning Thief*
Rowling, J. K., *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
Ryan, Pam, *Esperanza Rising*
Rylant, Cynthia, *Missing May*
Rushdi, Salman, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*
Sachar, Louis, *Dogs Don't Tell Jokes, Holes*
Saint-Exupery, Antoine de, *The Little Prince*
Smith, Roland, *Peak*
Speare, Elizabeth George, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*
Spinelli, Jerry, *Stargirl, Maniac Magee*
Supplee, Suzanne, *Artichoke's Heart*
Tolkien, J.R.R., *The Lord of the Rings*
Voight, Cynthia, *Homecoming*
Weeks, Sarah, *So B. It*
Woodson, Jacqueline, *Hush*
Zusak, Markus *The Book Thief*