

Middle School Rising Students Summer Reading Assignment

Choose *ONE* of the books from the appropriate grade level. After reading the book, answer the prompt with as much detail and organization as possible. This assignment must be submitted within the first week of school.

Rising 6th Graders:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Hatchet by Gary Paulson

PROMPT:

Write a letter describing the main character as if he or she is your friend. Explain why you are friends.

Rising 7th Graders:

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

The Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

PROMPT:

Explain how a relationship develops between Kira and Thomas and how their friendship is the key to their survival. (for *Gathering Blue*)

Explain why choosing between right and wrong is so difficult for Brady. Use examples from the book to support your answer. (for *The Red Kayak*)

Rising 8th Graders:

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot (non-fiction)

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer (fiction)

PROMPT:

After reading the book, *write a detailed, organized paragraph* answering the following question.

How do the actions of one of the characters tell you about his/her personality? Support your response with evidence from the text.