

Summer Reading

2020 - 2021

7th
Grade

Required Text No. 1

(pick one)

See list of novels
to choose from
attached.

ASSIGNMENT

Students will keep a reading journal from the point of view of a main character.

*This assignment will be collected for a grade the 2nd Friday when we return to school.

Required Text No. 2

(pick one)

See list of novels
to choose from
attached.

ASSIGNMENT

Students will fill out the plot structure graphic organizer for the novel.

*This assignment will be collected for a grade the 2nd Friday when we return to school.

CAN'T GET TO THE
LIBRARY OR BOOKSTORE?

Digital copies of books are available for free on the Cloud Library app with your library card number.

More Information

Some of these novels contain mature content.

Students will take AR tests on both of their summer reading novels.

More details for each assignment can be found on Denton's website. Click on the staff tab and click on the appropriate teacher's name.

Denton Magnet School 7th Grade Summer Reading Novel Choice List 2020 - 2021

Students are required to read **two books** over the summer and complete the required assignments. **Student should select novels from the list below.** He or she needs to choose novels that he or she has not read or tested on previously. They must complete the assignments for **each** novel. Assignments will be turned in within the first two weeks of school.

Novel List

Choose **two** novels to read from the list below that you have not read or tested on previously.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer games. But in reality he is being trained to be the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. Book No. 1 in a series.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 5.5 Word Count: 100,609 Page Count: 324

Epic by Conor Kostick

In a society where violence is banned, people must settle their problems through a video game called Epic. The unjust treatment of his parents by the Central Allocations committee, which rules the planet and the game, sets Erik and his friends on a dangerous mission to challenge their world and put an end to Epic.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 6.3 Word Count: 85,502 Page Count: 384

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, fourteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 4.4 Word Count: 51,076 words Page Count: 251

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Thirteen years after a plane mysteriously lands in an airport with thirty-six baby passengers and no adults on board, the children from the flight begin to receive strange, unexplained letters. Jonah and Chip must work quickly to uncover the secrets of their past. The first in the series, *The Missing*.

Interest Level: MG Book Level: 5.0 Word Count: 59,017 Page Count: 314

Game Changers by Mike Lupica

Eleven-year-old Ben is not surprised when the coach's son is chosen to play quarterback, but when Ben tries to be a good teammate and help the inconsistent Shawn, he is startled to learn that his new friend does not really want the position. Book No. 1 in a series.

Interest level: MG Book level: 5.2 Word Count: 48,237 Page Count: 207

Hatchet by Gary Paulson

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Interest Level: MG Book Level: 5.7 Word Count: 42,328 Page Count: 195

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 6.6 Word Count: 95,022 Page Count: 320

In the Paint by Jeff Rud

For as long as he can remember, Matt has wanted to play basketball. Now, as he tries out for the team at his new middle school, he realizes that the easy days of elementary ball are over and that this is a much more serious game. Book #1

Interest Level: MG Book Level: 6.0 Word Count: 35,718 Page Count: 163

*This book selection is located as an e-book on Big Universe @ <https://www.biguniverse.com/signinStudent> login is the same username and login to get on a MCPSS school computer.

The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future.

Interest Level: MG Book Level: 5.0 Word Count: 43,292 Page Count: 223

Millicent Min, Girl Genius by Lisa Yee

In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

Interest Level: MG Book Level: 5.8 Word Count: 51,612 Page Count: 248

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Brady knows that his friends are responsible for a mean prank that results in an accidental tragedy. Plagued by this guilty secret, Brady struggles with the truth and its consequences.

Interest Level: MG+ Book Level: 4.9 Word Count: 50,353 Page Count: 209

Slam by Walter Dean Myers

Seventeen-year-old "Slam" Harris is counting on his noteworthy basketball talents to get him out of the inner city and give him a chance to succeed in life, but his coach sees things differently.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 4.5 Word Count: 55,306 Page Count: 266

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

The Time Traveller journeys 800,000 years into the future and discovers two bizarre races at war on the Earth, the ethereal Eloi and the subterranean Morlocks.

Interest Level: UG Book Level: 7.4 Word Count: 32,059 Page Count: 144

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

In Tally's world, reaching 16 brings an operation that turns you from ugly to pretty and Tally's almost there, but when her friend runs away, Tally learns about a new side of pretty world and must choose between betrayal and never turning pretty. Book No. 1 in a series.

Interest Level: MG+ Book Level: 5.2 Word Count: 87,274 words Page Count: 425