

# WEST SENECA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Summer Reading Grade 7

Welcome to English 7! The following is your summer reading assignment whether you are on the Green or Gold team for the 2019-2020 school year. We are asking that you **read one book from the following list and complete the attached questions to go with your book.** These can either be typed or handwritten. You may also type your answers in Google Drive and share with your teacher once we return to school. Your written responses will be due **Friday, September 13th** during your English 7 class. Have a wonderful summer!

### **Novel List (choose at least one to complete this summer):**

*\*If you have already read the first novel in a series listed below you are welcome to read the next novel in the series instead.*

#### **Realistic Fiction**

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli  
So B. It by Sarah Weeks  
Summer Ball by Mike Lupica  
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

#### **Historical Fiction/Narrative Nonfiction**

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac  
Call of the Wild by Jack London  
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen  
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

#### **Science Fiction/Dystopian Literature**

The Maze Runner (series of 5) by James Dashner  
The Hunger Games (series of 3) by Suzanne Collins  
Among the Hidden (series of 7) by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Divergent (series of 4) by Veronica Roth  
Tesla's Attic by Neal Shusterman

#### **Fantasy**

The Kane Chronicles (series of 3) by Rick Riordan  
Demonata by Darren Shan  
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

**DIRECTIONS:** Based on the novel you read, you will complete 2 assignments that will count as a grade for the first quarter. Choose one from each category below:

**Category #1:** Answer **ONE** of the following questions based on your book. Be sure to write your answers using complete sentences and specific examples/detail/quotes from the book. Finally, be sure to answer ALL parts of each question.

1. Describe the ***setting*** of your novel. Where and when does the overall story take place? Is the setting extremely important to your book? Why or why not?

2. Give a **characterization** of your main character. Make sure to identify who your main character is, and list and explain at least two traits for this character. (If you have two or more main characters, you may choose any two and discuss one character trait for each.)
3. Describe the **major conflict** in your book and how it is resolved. How does your main character change or grow in some way by the end of your book? Explain.
4. What is the genre of your novel? Explain why your book fits in this genre.

**Category #2:** Choose any **ONE** of the following questions to answer. Remember to use complete sentences and specific examples from the book, and to answer **ALL** parts of the question.

1. What was the best part of this book? Explain with details. What was the worst part of this book? Explain using specific details.
2. If you could have a conversation with one character from the novel who would it be? Why? What would you discuss with him or her? Explain.
3. Give three reasons why this book should be taught to the whole class. What can students learn from reading it?
4. Illustrate a book cover different from the one on your book. Write a short paragraph explaining your design.