

June 2020

Dear Incoming 7th Grade Students and Families,

Throughout 7th grade, we will be studying several genres and learning new skills and strategies. Your summer assignments will help to prepare you with concepts you will be learning in the fall.

Your first assignment is to read a realistic fiction novel of your choice and complete a reading response sheet.

Your second assignment is to challenge yourself to read a new genre and complete thinking work. The choices for this challenge include a mystery where the victim is not a woman, graphic memoir, a book about a natural disaster, historical fiction book not set in WWII, novel with an LGBTQ+ character, book about a refugee, book where a character doesn't live or look like you, or a free verse novel.

Your thinking work will showcase how you write about reading using higher-level skills with a **minimum of 5 different strategies**. This work can be done on separate notebook pages or on the computer and printed out. Here is a list of thinking work options:

- reflection of topic
- draw a sketch of a part that captures the heart of the text and explain
- timeline of events
- explain the central idea of the book and quotes that describe it
- what fascinates you about the topic, create a web of ideas
- draw symbols that represent the novel and explain
- sketch a map of the event and explain the importance
- create a graphic novel of 5 events
- write a letter or journal entry from one character's point of view
- create a word web of vocabulary words that revolve around the topic

Your work will be collected the first week of September so please be sure to bring in your reading response sheet and thinking work. Feel free to email me with any questions: fannella@nvnet.org.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading!

Mrs. Fannell

Category	Number of Points	Points Earned
Completed all text evidence boxes with direct quotes from the novel and stated if it was character, setting, or theme (1 point for each box)	10	
Completed all annotations with thought provoking statements about character, setting, and theme (1 point for each box)	10	
Thinking work for genre book challenge (4 points for each page of thinking work)	20	
<p style="text-align: center;">Total:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Comments:</p>	Possible: 40 points	_____ / 40

Name _____

Book Title _____

Summer Reading Realistic Fiction Reading Response

Please complete the response sheet with the following information:

Page #, the quote from the text that you are writing about (include if its character, setting, or theme), and your annotation.

Annotations can be:

Tracking characters with their traits and relationships, how the setting impacts the characters and plot, and how the theme develops

Page #	Text Evidence- Using direct quotes (identify if it focuses on character, setting, or theme)	Annotations (explain how it relates to character, setting, or theme)

