

Grade 7 Summer Reading & Writing 2026
All work (Reading and Math) is required and will be a quiz grade.

Directions for Reading - Book 1:

Please select at least one of the historical fiction novels from the list to read over the summer. (You may read more than one of the books.)

Using college-lined notebook paper, answer the journal questions for the novel you choose to read and insert your completed work in your English notebook. (If you read more than one novel, you only need to answer the journal questions for ONE of the novels). Please bring the book(s) you read and the notebook with you to the first day of class next school year.

Book List (choose at least ONE):

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Where the Lilies Bloom by Vera and Bill Cleaver
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Freewater by Amina Lugman-Dawson

Journal Questions - please answer all - Journal questions are a quiz mark.

1. **Talk about the time period in which the story is set.** How well does the author convey the era? Did you have a sense of whether or not the author remained true to the events, social structures and political events of the time period? Why or why not?
2. **Discuss your understanding.** Is this a time period that you knew a lot about before you read this book? If so, did you learn anything new? If not, did you come away with a greater understanding of what this particular time and place in history was actually like?
3. **Discuss the book's structure.** Does the author use any narrative devices like flashbacks or multiple voices in telling the story? If so, what were these devices? How does this affect the story and your appreciation of the book? Do you think the author did a good job with it and why? How do you think it might have been different if another character was telling the story?
4. **Talk about the author's use of language/writing style.** Note your favorite passage here (If it is short, write out the quote and page number. If it is long, just give a short summary and page number(s). How does this particular passage relate to the story as a whole? Does it reveal anything specific about any of the characters or illuminate certain aspects of the story? If so, what? What do you like about it in terms of language and writing style (be specific)?

Graphic Organizer will be a quiz mark.

Directions for Reading - Book 2:

Choose one book from the list below and complete the attached graphic organizer.
Directions on the top of the graphic organizer sheet.

Book List (choose at least ONE):

Code Girls: The True Story of the American Girls Who Broke Code in WWII by Lizz Mundy

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

The Story of a Soul: The autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux

The Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Happy Reading and Writing

7th Grade Summer Reading

Character Traits and Evidence Graphic Organizer

DIRECTIONS: As you read your second summer reading book, think about the traits that define the main character. Use the graphic organizer to list FIVE traits and write down the evidence (quote with page number) and explanation to support each trait. Write the trait in the arrow. You may include a second piece of evidence and explanation for each trait. You will use this graphic organizer when completing your open response writing assignment during the first weeks of school.

Book Title: _____

Main Character: _____

	EVIDENCE	EXPLANATION
Trait		

	EVIDENCE	EXPLANATION
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Name _____

Solve. Show your work.

Round each number to the underlined place.

1. 5,497,633

2. 2.60529

3. 0.97338

Round to estimate. Then find each product.

4. \$485.99 $\times$ 265

5. 327 $\times$ 659

6. 3.2 $\times$ 8.15 $\times$ 0.7

Find each quotient.

7. 0.141 $\div$ 0.3

8. 0.07 $\overline{)3.1696}$

9. 0.6634 $\div$ 0.62

Write each as an equation or inequality.

10. Six times a number is equal to 24.

11. The quotient of a number divided by 2 is less than 4.

12. The product of 6.2 and 3.35 is less than 21.

Rename each fraction or mixed number as a terminating or repeating decimal.

13. $6\frac{2}{3}$

14. $\frac{6}{16}$

15. $8\frac{26}{50}$

Name _____

Express each as an integer. Then write its opposite and its absolute value.

16. a height of 3 feet

17. a loss of 18 points

Solve for the missing dimension in each formula.

18. $V = l \times w \times h$, when $l = 3$ in.,
 $w = 4$ in., and $h = 5$ in.

19. $P = 4s$, when $P = 64$ m

20. $A = \frac{1}{2}bh$, when $A = 60$ cm² and
 $b = 10$ cm

21. $V = e^3$, when $e = 7$ ft

Compute.

22. $+32 - -192 \div +64$

23. $5 + (-5 - 3) \times 3^2$

24. $-12 - -8 + -2 + +3$

Find the sum.

25. $15 + 8\frac{6}{7}$

26. $18\frac{1}{2} + 3\frac{3}{4}$

27. $2\frac{2}{3} + 3\frac{5}{6} + 9\frac{1}{4}$

Name _____

Write in order from least to greatest.

28. $-4, -5, -2, -6$

29. $+3, -1, 0, +4, -3$

30. $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{9}{10}, \frac{3}{5}$

31. $5\frac{2}{3}, 5\frac{2}{11}, 5\frac{3}{4}$

Find the value of the variable.

32. $0 + a = -7$

33. $n + -6 = -1$

34. $-8 + c = +4$

35. $b + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{7}{8}$

36. $1\frac{1}{5} + p = 3\frac{3}{4}$

37. $2\frac{1}{6} = m - 1\frac{2}{3}$

Evaluate each expression.

38. $n - 4\frac{3}{10}$, when $n = 6\frac{6}{7}$

39. $2 + 2\frac{3}{4} + b + 1\frac{1}{4}$, when $b = 3\frac{1}{2}$

Name _____

Solve. Show your work.

40. Polly has \$25 in her bank account. The bank charges a service fee, f , on the account. If Polly writes a check for \$20, and then deposits \$14, and the bank's fee is \$12, how much money does she have in her account?

41. Carmen uses $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of lettuce, $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb of tomatoes, and $1\frac{1}{3}$ lb of cucumbers to make a salad. How many pounds of produce does Carmen use in all?

42. On a game show, the champion correctly answered 8 out of 15 questions. The challenger got $\frac{2}{3}$ of 15 questions correct. Who won? How do you know?

43. Mariko reads the second book on her reading list in 3 hours less than it takes her to read the first book. If it takes Mariko 15 hours to read the second book, how long does it take her to read the first book?

44. At school, Keith drank five 12-oz bottles of water. At home, he drank two more glassfuls. Each glass held 10 ounces of water. How much water did he drink?

