

Grade 8 Summer Packet
All work (Reading and Math) is required and will be a quiz grade.

Reading & Writing 2026

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.

Journal questions will be a quiz mark.

Book List (choose at least ONE):

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

Journal Questions - please answer all:

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 Week One quiz mark.

Directions for Reading - Book 2:

Choose one book from the list below and complete the attached graphic organizer.

Book List (choose at least ONE):

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

As Long as the Lemon Tree Grows by Zoulfa Katouh

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Revolutionary Summer: The Birth of American Independence by Joseph Ellis

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata

Happy Reading and Writing

8th Grade Summer Reading

Character Traits and Evidence Graphic Organizer

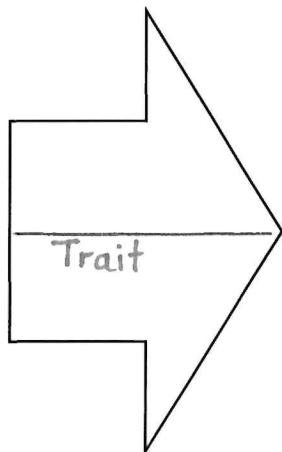
DIRECTIONS: As you read your second summer reading book, think about the traits that define the main character. Use the graphic organizer to list FIVE traits and write down the evidence (quote with page number) and explanation to support each trait. Write the trait in the arrow. You may include a second 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: _____

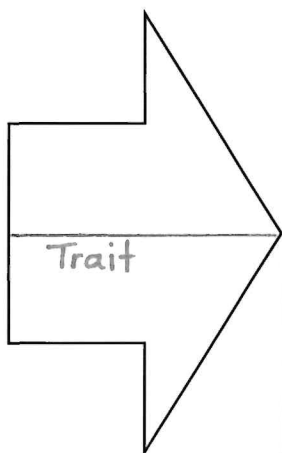
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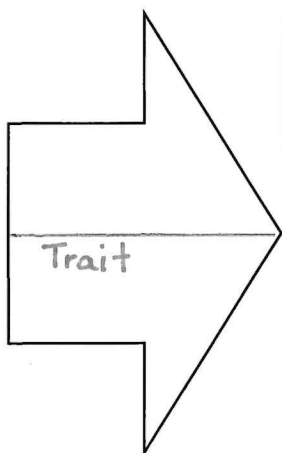
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Operations with Integers

Adding Integers

- Negative + Negative: Add the absolute values of the two numbers and make the answer negative.

$$\text{ex: } -5 + (-9) \rightarrow 5 + 9 = 14 \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-14)$$

- Negative + Positive (or Positive + Negative): Subtract the absolute values of the two numbers (larger minus smaller) and take the sign of the number with the greater absolute value.

$$\text{ex: } -7 + 12 \rightarrow 12 - 7 = 5 \rightarrow 12 > 7, \text{ so answer is positive} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (5)$$

$$\text{ex: } 6 + (-9) \rightarrow 9 - 6 = 3 \rightarrow 9 > 6, \text{ so answer is negative} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-3)$$

Subtracting Integers

- Keep the first number the same, change the subtraction sign to an addition sign, and change the sign of the second number. Then use the integer addition rules.

$$\text{ex: } -3 - 9 \rightarrow -3 + (-9) = (-12)$$

$$\text{ex: } 15 - (-8) \rightarrow 15 + 8 = (23)$$

$$\text{ex: } -6 - (-4) \rightarrow -6 + 4 = (-2)$$

Multiplying & Dividing Integers

Ignore the signs and multiply or divide as usual. Then determine the sign of the answer using the following rules:

- Negative $\cdot$ or $\div$ Negative = Positive
- Negative $\cdot$ or $\div$ Positive (or Positive $\cdot$ or $\div$ Negative) = Negative

$$\text{ex: } -3 \cdot (-5) \rightarrow 3 \cdot 5 = 15 \rightarrow \text{neg} \cdot \text{neg} = \text{pos} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (15)$$

$$\text{ex: } 48 \div (-6) \rightarrow 48 \div 6 = 8 \rightarrow \text{pos} \div \text{neg} = \text{neg} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-8)$$

Order of Operations

Parentheses

Exponents

Multiplication & Division (left to right)

Addition & Subtraction (left to right)

Find the sum or difference.

1. $-80 + 77$

2. $77 + 160$

3. $-64 + (-33)$

4. $104 - (-92)$

5. $-105 - (-122)$

6. $185 - (-154)$

7. $-53 - (-59)$

8. $-6 + (-35)$

9. $15 - (-26) - (-39)$

10. $-93 + 191 + (-179)$

11. $18 + (-34) + 52$

12. $-50 - (-93) + (-17)$

Find the product or quotient.

13. $60 \div 12$

14. $-194 \div (-2)$

15. $88 \cdot (-2)$

16. $-12 \cdot 10$

17. $-10 \cdot (-11)$

18. $90 \div (-6)$

19. $3 \cdot (-59)$

20. $-7 \cdot (-2)$

21. $-28 \div (-88) \cdot (-22)$

22. $-56 \cdot 140 \div (-80)$

23. $108 \div (-11) \cdot (-11)$

24. $-84 \cdot (-17) \div 42$

Evaluate the numerical expression. (Be sure to use the order of operations!)

25. $-78 + (-2) \cdot (-56)$

26. $-65 + 6 \div (-3) + 40$

27. $-94 - (84 - 10)$

28. $43 + (-23) - (-57)$

29. $-15 - (-11) + 5 \cdot (-4)$

30. $-26 - (-64) + (-93)$

31. $-84 \div 4 + (-20)$

32. $-56 + (-50) + (-10) \cdot (-9)$

Operations with Rational Numbers

Adding & Subtracting Rational Numbers

Determine whether you should add or subtract using integer rules. Then add or subtract.

- Decimals: Line up the decimal points. Then add or subtract and bring the decimal point down. Use integer rules to determine the sign of the answer.

$$\text{ex: } -9.8 + 6.24 \rightarrow \text{neg} + \text{pos: subtract} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 9.80 \\ -6.24 \\ \hline 3.56 \end{array} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-3.56)$$

- Fractions/Mixed Numbers: Find a common denominator and then add or subtract. Borrow or convert an improper fraction answer, if necessary. Use integer rules to determine the sign of the answer.

$$\text{ex: } 5\frac{3}{4} - (-3\frac{7}{8}) \rightarrow 5\frac{3}{4} \quad 3\frac{7}{8} \rightarrow \text{pos} + \text{pos: add} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 5\frac{3}{4} = \frac{6}{8} \\ + 3\frac{7}{8} = \frac{7}{8} \\ \hline 8\frac{13}{8} \end{array} \rightarrow \text{answer: } 9\frac{5}{8}$$

Multiplying & Dividing Rational Numbers

Determine the sign of the answer using integer rules. Then multiply or divide.

- Multiplying Decimals: Ignore the decimal points. Multiply the numbers. Then count the decimal places in the problem to determine the location of the decimal point in the answer.

$$\text{ex: } -9.23 \cdot (-1.1) \rightarrow \text{neg} \cdot \text{neg} = \text{pos} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 9.23 \\ \times 1.1 \\ \hline 923 \\ 9230 \\ \hline 10153 \end{array} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (10.153)$$

- Dividing Decimals: Move the decimal in the divisor to the end of the number. Move the decimal in the dividend the same number of places and then bring it straight up in quotient.

$$\text{ex: } -5.2 \div 0.2 \rightarrow \text{neg} \div \text{pos} = \text{neg} \rightarrow 02 \overline{) 26.} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-26)$$

- Multiplying Fractions: Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions. Then cross-simplify. Multiply the numerators and multiply the denominators. Simplify if necessary.

$$\text{ex: } -1\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{6}{14} \rightarrow \text{neg} \cdot \text{pos} = \text{neg} \rightarrow \frac{1\cancel{7}}{2\cancel{4}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{6}^3}{\cancel{14}_2} = \frac{3}{4} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (-\frac{3}{4})$$

- Dividing Fractions: Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions. Then flip the second fraction to its reciprocal and multiply the two fractions. Simplify if necessary.

$$\text{ex: } -\frac{1}{2} \div (-\frac{3}{8}) \rightarrow \text{neg} \div \text{neg} = \text{pos} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{8}{3} = \frac{4}{3} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (1\frac{1}{3})$$

Find the sum, difference, product, or quotient.

33. $38.61 + 36.841$

34. $1.755 - 1.23$

35. $0.71 \cdot 9.2$

36. $13.12 \div 0.1$

37. $3.651 - (-12.63)$

38. $-3.9 + (-7.6)$

39. $17.6 \cdot 4.3$

40. $6 \cdot (-16.7)$

41. $26.474 - 14.527$

42. $-2.1 + 3.78$

43. $-6.15 \div (-8.2)$

44. $-12.8 \cdot (-4.88)$

Find the sum, difference, product, or quotient.

45. $15 \frac{1}{2} + 15 \frac{1}{4}$

46. $18 \frac{11}{20} - 17 \frac{1}{2}$

47. $2 \frac{1}{4} \cdot 1 \frac{4}{5}$

48. $3 \frac{1}{2} \div 1 \frac{3}{7}$

49. $3 \frac{1}{3} - 5 \frac{1}{9}$

50. $5 \cdot (-1 \frac{2}{5})$

51. $-4 \frac{2}{3} + (-1 \frac{3}{4})$

52. $- \frac{5}{6} \div (-2 \frac{1}{6})$

53. $9 \div (-4 \frac{1}{2})$

54. $-18 + 3 \frac{4}{5}$

55. $-5 \frac{2}{3} \cdot (-2 \frac{5}{6})$

56. $-5 \frac{3}{4} - (-3 \frac{7}{8})$

Solving Equations

Solving One-Step Equations

- Cancel out the number on the same side of the equation as the variable by using the inverse operation. (Addition/Subtraction; Multiplication/Division). Be sure to do the same thing to both sides of the equation!

$$\text{ex: } 6x = -18 \rightarrow \frac{6x}{6} = \frac{-18}{6} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (x = -3)$$

$$\text{ex: } y + 23 = -9 \rightarrow y + \cancel{23} = \cancel{-23} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (y = -32)$$

$$\text{ex: } \frac{h}{3} = 4 \rightarrow \cancel{3} \cdot \frac{h}{\cancel{3}} = 4 \cdot 3 \rightarrow \text{answer: } (h = 12)$$

$$\text{ex: } w - 13 = -5 \rightarrow w - \cancel{13} = \cancel{-5} + \cancel{13} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (w = 8)$$

Solving Two-Step Equations

- Undo operations using inverse operations one at a time using the order of operations in reverse. (i.e.: undo addition/subtraction before undoing multiplication/division)

$$\text{ex: } 7x - 4 = -32 \rightarrow 7x - \cancel{4} = \cancel{-32} + \cancel{4} \rightarrow \frac{7x}{7} = \frac{-28}{7} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (x = -4)$$

$$\text{ex: } \frac{j}{5} + 13 = 15 \rightarrow \frac{j}{5} + \cancel{13} = \cancel{15} - \cancel{13} \rightarrow \cancel{5} \cdot \frac{j}{\cancel{5}} = 2 \cdot 5 \rightarrow \text{answer: } (j = 10)$$

$$\text{ex: } \frac{b + 7}{3} = -2 \rightarrow \cancel{3} \cdot \frac{b + 7}{\cancel{3}} = -2 \cdot 3 \rightarrow b + \frac{7}{-7} = \frac{-6}{-7} \rightarrow \text{answer: } (b = -13)$$

Solve the one-step equation.

57. $19 + j = -34$

58. $m - 26 = 13$

59. $\frac{x}{5} = -3$

60. $12f = 216$

61. $g - (-31) = -7$

62. $\frac{h}{9} = 13$

63. $b + (-3) = -9$

64. $-4w = -280$

Solve the two-step equation.

65. $5m - 3 = 27$

66. $7 + \frac{y}{2} = -3$

67. $4 + 3r = -8$

68. $\frac{1}{2}p - 4 = 7$

69. $\frac{k+8}{3} = -2$

70. $\frac{f}{5} - (-13) = 12$

71. $-15 - \frac{g}{3} = -5$

72. $-8 + 4m = 2$

73. $-18 - 3\frac{1}{4}v = 3$

74. $\frac{-5+n}{4} = -1$

75. $3.5m + 0.75 = -6.25$

76. $2y + 3 = 19$

Proportions and Percent

Solving Proportions

- Set cross-products equal to each other and then solve the one-step equation for the given variable.

ex: $\frac{5}{b} = \frac{4}{10} \rightarrow 5 \cdot 10 = 4b \rightarrow \frac{50}{4} = \frac{4b}{4} \rightarrow$ answer: $b = 12.5$

Solving Percent Problems with Proportions

- Set up and solve a proportion as follows: $\frac{\%}{100} = \frac{\text{part}}{\text{whole}}$

ex: 25 is what percent of 500? $\rightarrow \frac{x}{100} = \frac{25}{500} \rightarrow$ answer: $x = 5\%$

ex: What is 15% of 88? $\rightarrow \frac{15}{100} = \frac{x}{88} \rightarrow$ answer: $x = 13.2$

ex: 18 is 30% of what number? $\rightarrow \frac{30}{100} = \frac{18}{x} \rightarrow$ answer: $x = 60$

Solving Percent Problems with Equations

- Translate the question to an equation and then solve. (Be sure to convert percents to decimals or fractions.)

ex: 20 is 40% of what number? $\rightarrow 20 = 0.4x \rightarrow$ answer: $x = 50$

ex: 8 is what percent of 32? $\rightarrow 8 = 32x \rightarrow x = 0.25 \rightarrow$ answer: 25%

ex: What is 25% of 88? $\rightarrow x = 0.25 \cdot 88 \rightarrow$ answer: $x = 22$

Real-World Percent Problems

(This is just one way of many to solve real-world percent problems)

- Tax: Find the amount of tax using a proportion or equation. Then add the tax to the original amount to find the total cost.
- Discount: Find the amount of the discount using a proportion or equation. Then subtract the amount of discount from the original price to find the sale price.

Solve the proportion.

77. $\frac{h}{6} = \frac{20}{24}$

78. $\frac{5}{7} = \frac{c}{14}$

79. $\frac{6}{8} = \frac{21}{b}$

80. $\frac{30}{j} = \frac{26}{39}$

81. $\frac{5}{k} = \frac{15}{20}$

82. $\frac{32}{112} = \frac{a}{14}$

83. $\frac{16}{7} = \frac{18}{g}$

84. $\frac{w}{60} = \frac{15}{200}$

Solve the percent problem.

85. Find 15% of 85.

86. 6 is 75% of what number?

87. 40 is what percent of 320?

88. What is 20% of 45?

89. 70 is what percent of 350?

90. Find $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of 81.

91. A \$58 camera is on sale for 20% off. Find the sale price.

92. Find the total price of a \$14.00 shirt including the 7% sales tax.

Geometry

Geometry Basics

- Perimeter is the distance around a polygon
- Circumference is the distance around a circle
- Area is the space inside a figure
- Volume is the capacity of a 3-dimensional figure
- Surface Area is the sum of the areas of all the faces on a 3-dimensional figure

2-Dimensional Geometry Formulas

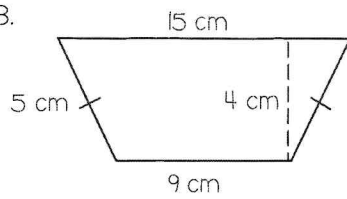
- Perimeter of Any Figure: sum of side lengths
- Circumference = $\pi \cdot \text{diameter}$
- Area of Parallelogram = $\text{base} \cdot \text{height}$
- Area of Triangle = $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{base} \cdot \text{height}$
- Area of Trapezoid = $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{height}(\text{base}_1 + \text{base}_2)$
- Area of Circle = $\pi \cdot \text{radius}^2$

3-Dimensional Geometry Formulas

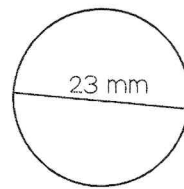
- Volume of Rectangular Prism = $\text{length} \cdot \text{width} \cdot \text{height}$
- Volume of Cylinder = $\pi \cdot \text{radius}^2 \cdot \text{height}$
- Surface Area of Rectangular Prism = $2 \cdot \text{length} \cdot \text{width} + 2 \cdot \text{length} \cdot \text{height} + 2 \cdot \text{height} \cdot \text{width}$
- Surface Area of Cylinder = $2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{radius}^2 + 2 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{radius} \cdot \text{height}$

Find the perimeter (or circumference) and area. Use 3.14 for pi.

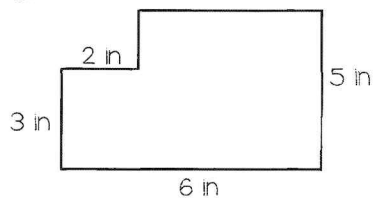
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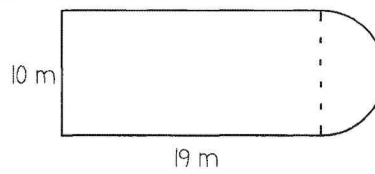
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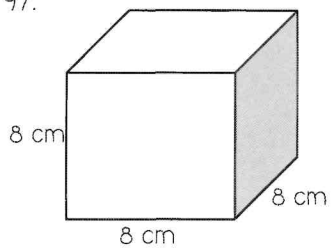


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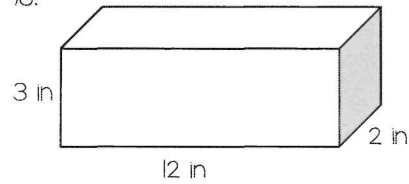


Find the surface area and volume.

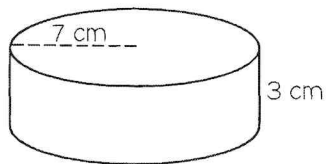
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