Summer Reading 2023

I want to encourage everyone to keep their brains sharp and their minds thinking over the summer. I’m going to encourage everyone to read one middle level book of their choice. I will include a list below of suggestions. After reading the book, students can complete **one** of the choice writing assignment based on that book for extra credit.

Choice 1: There are many great movies out there based on books. Write a compare/contrast essay based on the similarities and differences between the book and the movie.

The book to movie choices include the following:

* *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
* *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper – The Movie is called *The Seeker: The Dark is Rising*
* *Ender’s Game* by Orson Scott Card
* *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
* *Holes* by Louis Sachar
* *City of Ember*
* *The Boy in The Striped Pajamas*
* *Eragon*
* *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* by Ann Brashares
* *The Princess Bride*
* *The Tale of Despereaux*
* *Inkheart*
* *Alice in Wonderland*
* *The Hunger Games*
* *The Spiderwick Chronicles*
* *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
* *The Witch of Blackbird pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
* *Hoot* by Carl Hiason

Book series:

* *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R. Tolkien (*The Hobbit)*
* *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
* *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
* *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling
* *Percy Jackson* by Rick Riordan -\***You cannot do The Lightning Thief – continue the series**

Choice 2: Write an essay where you outline the elements of plot in your novel. Remember the plot diagram and discuss the exposition, rising action (conflicts), climax, and resolution.

Here’s a list of some of my favorite Young Adult and middle level author’s to help you look for a book.

Louis Sachar

Lois Lowry

Gary Paulsen

Madeline L’Engle

Jerry Spinelli

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Carl Hiason

Trenton Lee Stuart

James Patterson (he’s an adult author too)

Chris Colfer

Cornelia Funke

Veronica Roth

John Greene

Suzanne Collins

Victoria Aveyard

Choice 3 – You can also read a nonfiction book if you choose on a topic that you’re interested in. If you choose a nonfiction book, write an essay detailing five facts you learned in that book.

**Continued this Year** – Mrs. Weber reads on YouTube. A few years ago, I read the book The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. The book is available on the screen and you can read along with me. The link can be found on my website or on my YouTube channel. I’ve also read The Mysterious Benedict Society on my channel. There isn’t a movie of this book, so choice 2 writing assignment is best.

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