

2017 Summer Reading ~ 7th Grade



Dear 7th grade students and parents,

For the upcoming school year you are required to read a minimum of TWO books as part of your Summer Reading Assignment. In this packet you will find short summaries of the new *2018 Nutmeg Nominees*. You are **REQUIRED** to read any one of the 10 **TEEN** nominees and will use this book to complete your assignment. Your second book, however, can be any *grade appropriate* book of your choice, fiction or non-fiction. You will find additional resources in this packet to assist you with your selection. *While the Nutmegs have been selected for middle school students, the titles span a broad range of reading and maturity levels. Therefore, we encourage adults to take an active role in helping to choose those books that are the best fit for your family. Please visit the websites listed on the next page if you have any concerns about the books. Commonsensemedia.org is our favorite.*

For your Teen Nutmeg Nominee only, you must complete one of the attached assignments. You will need to bring the assignment or share it digitally with Ms. Callahan on or by the first day of school, Wednesday, August 30, 2017, as it will count as your first quiz grade of the year in your language arts class. Please also be prepared to share your project with your classmates. **Additionally, a parent/guardian signature is required to verify that you have read the second book.** You will find a space for this on the page with your three options.

Remember, also, to record each of the books that you read on the attached *Governor's Summer Reading Challenge* pamphlet. Please turn this to our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Goad, during the first week of the new school year. Although you must read *at least two* books, we encourage you to read as much as you can throughout the summer months! *The homeroom that reads the most books over the summer will win recess during your on-team time.* We look forward to seeing you in August and discussing these great books with you! Have a great summer and happy reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Callahan, Grade 7 Language Arts teacher

Mrs. Selmont, Reading Specialist

Mrs. Goad, Library Media Specialist

This Summer Reading packet can be accessed through the Westbrook Middle School website. Additional copies will be available in the middle school office as well as at the Westbrook Public Library.

Governor's Summer Reading Challenge information can be found at:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&q=320322>

Resources for Selecting 2nd Book & Book Reviews:



The *Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) Teen Book Finder* is a **FREE APP** to help teens, and anyone who loves young adult literature access to the past five years' of YALSA's awards and lists on their Smartphone.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder>

App features include:

- a homepage featuring three titles from the database, refreshed each day
- the ability to search for books by author, title, award/list year, genre, by award, and by book list
- a "Find It! Button" that will show users where to find the book in a nearby library
- a Favorites button, to create an individualized booklist
- the ability to share books from the Teen Book Finder on Twitter and Facebook

The link below is for the *American Library Association's Notable Children's Books List*.

"Each year a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children identifies the best of the best in children's books... This list includes books of especially commendable quality, that exhibit venturesome creativity, and books of fiction, information, poetry and pictures for all age levels that reflect and encourage children's interests in exemplary ways."

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>

More recommended websites for books & reviews:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/issue/best-of-2015/section/middle-grade/>

<http://www.booklistonline.com/book-reviews>

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-best-fiction-young-adults>

www.goodreads.com

<http://www.scholastic.com/teacher/ab/booktalks.htm>

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews>

<http://www.compassbookratings.com/category/award-winners/>

<https://sites.google.com/site/nutmegbookaward/>

Name of Student: _____

Title of **NUTMEG BOOK**: _____ Author: _____

Title of 2nd Book: _____ Author: _____

Parent signature verifying both books were read

Option 1:

Create a **POWERPOINT, PREZI, GOOGLE SLIDES, or BOOK TRAILER** presentation of at least 6 slides summarizing the plot, central idea/theme, characters, and setting of the Nutmeg novel. *(If you choose a book trailer, it should be at least 60-90 seconds long.)*

Option 2:

Create a **COLLAGE** for your Nutmeg novel. A collage is a group of pictures and sayings arranged on a poster board which represent (symbolize) people, places, and ideas. Your collage must be displayed on poster board. The pictures, words, and phrases may be cut from magazines, hand drawn, or computer generated. Your pictures and words should cover the entire poster board. Your collage must include the following: 1. The title and author of the novel. 2. Pictures representing the characters of the novel. 3. Pictures/words representing the setting. 4. Pictures representing the plot of the story. 5. Words and phrases describing three (3) traits of each character being represented. 6. Words and phrases suggesting the theme of the novel.

Option 3:

INTERVIEW OF THE MAIN CHARACTER of your Nutmeg novel. On either a typed paper or PowerPoint, answer the following interview questions in the voice of the main character. Your answers should be written/typed in complete sentences with detail. 1. What three words best describe you and why? 2. Describe your family. Who do you best get along with? 3. Tell us where you grew up and what your childhood was like. 4. What is the biggest problem you have ever faced? 5. How did you overcome the problem? 6. What is the greatest lesson you have ever learned? 7. Who is your best friend and why? 8. Talk about a major event in your life and how it has affected you. 9. If you could change one thing about your life, what would it be and why? 10. Where do you see yourself in ten years?

**Options 2 & 3 reflect grade 7 summer reading projects from other states.*

2017 Summer Reading Project Rubric - Grade 7

Your Name _____

Title and Author of Book

Powerpoint option - at least 6 slides Collage - collage is completed on poster board Interview - all ten questions answered	_____ /25 points
The project reflects the content of the book and illustrates your ability to cite details and evidence from the text. (Priority Standards R1, R2, R3)	_____ / 25 points
The project is creative, engaging, and illustrates your ability to clarify findings and emphasize points of interest. (SL.7.5)	_____ / 20 points
The project is free from grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors. (Priority Standards L1, L3, W4)	_____ / 15 points
The presentation of the project was clear and confident. (SL7.4)	_____ /15 points
Final Score	_____ /100 = _____