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New Rochelle Summer 2019 Reading Assignment for Incoming 6th Graders

Due to your 6th Grade ELA Teacher on Wednesday, September 4th, 2019

Dear Incoming 6th Graders,

We are so excited to be working with you next year!

In order to continue to grow as a reader and a writer over the summer, you will choose 1 of the books you read this summer and complete a reading response entry to show your deep thinking! You may type your response or use the sheets provided. Attached you have a suggested reading list, questions for you to respond to, and the rubric we will use to assess your hard work.

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to hearing about your reading and writing life when you return in September!

Sincerely,
Your Grade 6 ELA Teachers



Summer Reading Assignment Directions:

Choose **1** of the books you read over the summer. Use the suggested reading list to help you. **Write a reading response that answers the following questions.**

Answer these Questions for your Reading Response

1. Title: _____

Author: _____

Genre: _____

2. Summarize your book by briefly explaining the beginning, middle, and end.

3. Describe your favorite character from the book. Explain why he/she is your favorite.

4. What was the BIG IDEA or important lesson that you learned from reading the book?

5. Did you enjoy reading this book? Why or why not?

Recommended Summer Reading Books to Consider:

Adventure

Lionboy: the first book in a trilogy by Zizou Corder (series)

Holes by Louis Sachar

Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Fantasy

Scorpion Mountain by John Flanagan (series)

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman

Drift by M.K. Hutchins

Biography

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? By Jean Fritz

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull

Twenty-two Cents by Paula Yoo

Autobiography/Memoir

Guts: the true stories behind Hatchet and the Brian books by Gary Paulsen

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Graphic Novel

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol

Drama by Raina Telgemeier

Three Kingdoms by Weidong Chen (series)

Yummy: The Last Days of Southside Shorty by G. Neri

I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina

Historical Fiction

Darby by Jonathon Scott Fuqua

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

X The Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz

Ahima by Supriya Kelkar

Horror

Cirque du Freak: A Living Nightmare by Darren Shan (series)

The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan

The Nightmarys by Dan Poblocki

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty

Humor

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman

15 Minutes by Steve Young

The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

Mystery

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro

Cat Girl's Day Off by Kimberly Pauley

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johns

Non-Fiction

Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery by Lois Miner Huey

Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

Heroes of 9/11 by Allan Zullo

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Poetry

Etched in Clay by Andrea Cheng

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles

Realistic Fiction

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Wonder by Patricia Palacio

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Jump Shot by Tiki Barber

Romance

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Bella At Midnight by Diane Stanley

The Sun Is Also A Star by Nicola Yoon

Sports

Streetball Crew: Stealing the Game by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Outside Shot by Walter Dean Myers

Science Fiction

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby

The Six by Mark Alpert

Rebel Seoul by Axie Oh

Rubric for Assessing the Summer Reading Assignment:

In order to help you do your best, please review the rubric below. Be sure to have strong responses with thoughtful answers that demonstrate your deep thinking. **This will be your first ELA class homework assignment.**

Little or No Attempt 0-1	Approaching Expectation 2	Meets Expectation 3	Exceeds Expectation 4
<p>Student completed few or no parts of the assignment, and demonstrated little or no understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be left blank or hard to understand.</p>	<p>Student completed part of the assignment demonstrating a basic understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be too brief or lack detail.</p>	<p>Student demonstrated that he/she read the book and completed all parts of the assignment.</p> <p>Response was complete with appropriate details and explanation.</p>	<p>Student demonstrated that he/she read the book and completed all parts of the assignment.</p> <p>Response was complete and extended with insightful examples and explanation.</p>

Do your best work. Happy reading!

