

7th Grade Summer Reading (Literature)

1. *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
2. *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
3. Choose ONE from the following non-fiction books:
 - a. *Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter Nellie Bly* By Deborah Noyes
 - b. *Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse* by Catherine Reef
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Projects:

1. ***Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin**

Book Folder:

What: Using a standard file folder, you will create a tool to help other readers learn about your book and its author.

Materials: File folder, colored paper, markers, stickers, scissors, glue, etc.

1. Front of folder: Create your own artwork for the cover of the book. It will look best if you make it on another piece of paper before gluing it to your folder. Make it fill the front of the file. This must be in color.
 2. Inside left: Information about the author. Write a full paragraph (6-8 sentences) about the author's career. Include a small picture of the author (ONLY ONE no larger than 3x3"). If the book is part of a series, include smaller pictures of the covers of other books in the series. If they have a famous book, include a picture of that book's cover. If they have an author website, give the web address.
 3. Inside right: Write a 3- paragraph summary of the book. You may use quotes from the book. Remember that a summary highlights key events of the book – not a detailed description of everything that happens.
 4. Back: Write a review of the book. Make sure it is at least 6-8 sentences. This is NOT a summary, but gives your opinion of the book with examples that support your opinion.
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Phillip's Journal

We know that Phillip does not have a pencil or paper on the raft, but if he did, what kind of journal would he keep? Chapters 4, 5, and 6 tell major events of the first four days on the raft. Write appropriate journal entries for these four days from Phillip's point of view. When writing the entries for days two, three and four, remember that Phillip is blind. He would write about experiences based on sounds and feelings rather than on things being seen. Be sure to label each journal entry clearly (ex: Day #1). Each entry should be between 5-8 sentences. Prefer this assignment to be typed.

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Choose ONE from the following projects to complete for your non-fiction book project:

1. Create a collage to represent the book you choose.
 - a. Your collage should have at least four (4) illustrations.
 - b. Create a key that describes each item of the collage.
 - c. Illustrations should be mounted on ½ size poster board and labeled (#1 - #4 + key).
 - d. A TYPED or NEATLY WRITTEN key should be in the mounted in the middle.
 - e. Key needs to include pertinent dates, events and people that correspond to and describe each illustration.
2. Write a letter to the main character of your book asking questions, making a complaint or a suggestion, or writing your opinion about something that happened in the story.
 - a. Include all elements of a letter (date, greeting, body, closing and signature).
 - b. Google "block letter format" for examples of proper formatting.
 - c. Body of letter should be three (3) paragraphs in length. Whatever angle you choose (inquiry, suggestion, opinion), must use evidence from the book as to WHY you are writing this question, suggestion or opinion.
 - d. Letter must be typed.
 - e. Be sure to pay attention to number of spaces between date, address, body, etc.