

**2017 – 2018 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Summer Reading &  
Writing Assignments**

**Read at least one book from the list below and complete the Reader Response.** The answers can be written on a separate piece of loose leaf paper in pen or pencil and should be in complete sentences. The books are listed in order of difficulty based on the Lexile measure.

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer Holm

Cosmic by Frank Boyce

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

Zia by Scott O'Dell

Longbow Girl by Linda Davis

The Mennymys by Sylvia Waugh

Old Yeller by Frank Gipson

Black Heart's Legacy Book 1 of the Odyssey by Sally Copus

The Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica

His Majesty's Dragon by Naomi Novak.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

**And so you don't get rusty – Diagram these sentences.**

1. I crawled into my tent and wrapped myself in my blue sleeping bag.
2. The thick chocolate frosting on the cake was very tasty.
3. The dancer on the stage was wearing a purple tutu and pink tights.
4. You never wear a straw hat in the house.
5. Ouch! I stubbed my toe on the stair.

## Reader Response

Book title:

Author:

1. How/Why did you choose this book? The cover? Author? An excerpt? Explain. (3 Sentences)
2. What is the **setting** of the book? Where and when does it mostly take place?  
Where?  
  
When?
3. Summarize the main **conflict or problem** of the book. (4 Sentences)
4. Who is a central or **main character**? (1 Sentence)
5. Describe this **character's appearance and personality traits** in your own words, how you picture them. Include at least two quotes to back up what you are saying. *Include the page number in parentheses.*  
Appearance:  
Personality:
6. How does this book end? What is the **resolution** of the conflict or problem that you described in Question 3? (3 Sentences)
7. **Make some connections** between the book and events the past you have learned about, current events, your own experience, and/or other pieces of literature. *Explain the connections you see.* (4 sentences)  
This connects to \_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Asking good questions** will be an important part of what we do in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. What two questions could you ask that would lead to **two nonfiction topics** related to things in the book? For instance, after reading one of the Harry Potter books, you might ask “What is a real boarding school like?” or “How do real owls hunt?” Another way to think about this is: If your book was a webpage, what links might there be to other topics?

See you in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade!

Mrs. Fitzgerald

