

Summer Reading Assignment for Grade 7

1. Choose two books from the attached list to read.
2. As you read, complete the attached Characterization Sheets for each book. (You may copy this form as needed.) Note: “Direct Characterization” means the character traits that the author states directly. (e.g., “Peter was a quiet young man.”)
3. Write a Character Analysis of the main character in each book that is at least five (5) paragraphs in length.
 - (a) It should include:
 - What the character looks like
 - The character’s personality traits (ex., friendly, shy, brave)
 - How the character changed from the beginning of the book to the end and why that change occurred
 - (b) Support your statements with quotes or examples from the book such as:
 - What the character says
 - What the character does
 - What is said about the character
 - What happens to the character
4. Make a list of any new vocabulary words (i.e., words for which you do not know the meaning) and their definitions.

7th Grade Summer Reading List

Old Yeller, Fred Gipson
Banner in the Sky, James Ramsey Ullman
The Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster
The Last of the Mohicans, James Fenimore Cooper
The Call of the Wild, Jack London
White Fang, Jack London
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott*
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Hatchet, Gary Paulsen *
The River, Gary Paulsen*
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
The Black Arrow, Robert Louis Stevenson
Souder, William H. Armstrong
Christy, Catherine Marshall
North to Freedom, Ann Holm
My Friend Flicka, Mary O'Hara
Anne of Green Gables, L. M. Montgomery *
Redwall, Brian Jacques *
The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett
Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls
The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame
The Trumpeter of Krakow, Eric Kelly
The Midwife's Apprentice, Karen Cushman
The Whipping Boy, Sid Fleischman
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
The Well: David's Story, Mildred D. Taylor*
The Friendship, Mildred D. Taylor*

*Other books by these authors are acceptable

Note: Please check with Mrs. Dant at Campus 1 during the summer at 301-725-4673 BEFORE choosing a book not on the list.

Characterization Chart

Name: _____

Character: _____

Novel: _____

S peech	What does the character say? How does the character speak?
T houghts	What is revealed through the character's private thoughts and feelings?
E ffect on others; their reaction to the character.	What is revealed through the character's effect on other people? How do other characters feel or behave in reaction to the character?
A ctions	What does the character do? How does the character behave?
L ooks	What does the character look like? How does the character dress?

Type of Characterization	Examples	Explanation
Speech		
Thoughts		
Effect on others		
Actions		
Looks		

Direct Characterization *tells* the audience what the personality of the character is.

Example: "The patient boy and quiet girl were both well
mannered and did not disobey their mother."

Examples	Explanation