

Seventh Grade Summer Reading for Language Arts:

Everything here is **OPTIONAL!**

If you feel like you need help with reading and understanding your summer reading book, **you may do any of the following:**

Keep a Journal

While you are reading, you may want to keep a journal. After you read 25 pages or so, you can write a summary of what you read or write a response (analysis, prediction, connections, etc.).

Answer General Questions

While you read, think about the following questions, or answer them in writing if you wish:

What is the setting of the story?

How does the setting affect the characters?

How would the story be different if it were set in a different place and time? Remember, the setting is the time and location of a story.

Who are the main characters? Who is the protagonist? Describe them. What are they like? Consider appearance, background, actions, emotions, and personality. How do you know what they are like?

Are the characters well-characterized? Realistic?

How do the characters change through the story? What and who causes them to change?

What choices do the characters make? How do those choices affect their lives? Do you agree with the choices that were made? Would you have acted in the same way?

What are the major events of the story?

What parts of the story belong to the exposition, complication, climax, and resolution?

What do you think are the themes of the novel?

How does the type of narration contribute to the themes of the novel? How would the book be different if the type of narration changed?

What are the characteristics of the author's style? How does that style affect your appreciation of the novel?

What are the symbols in the story?