

The GLOBE Academy  
Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment and List  
2020- 2021 School Year

Dear Students,

Welcome to 7th grade! Can you believe it? You're halfway through middle school. This is it. The middle of the middle, and it is going to be your best year yet. Can you tell I am excited? I know that 2020 has started off rather interesting and pretty unexpected. However, writing this letter to you about our future time together in the upcoming school year fills me with hope. So, let's get to it!

When you enter our class in August, I will expect you to have a book that you are reading at all times. I will be requiring independent reading every day in class and/or at home. For some of you, this may not be a problem at all. For others, I know this may prove to be challenging. Therefore, I am not *requiring* any specific books, authors, genres to be read this summer (that will come when the school year begins). Instead, I want you to take this summer to discover who you are as a reader. What books do you enjoy? How long can you read in one sitting before becoming distracted? How often do you read? Do you read because you have to or because you want to? Have your reading habits/interests changed over the years? I want you to really take time to reflect, evaluate, and explore.

During the first few weeks of school, I will be conferencing with each of you individually. We will discuss goals, challenges, and interests. It would be very beneficial (for both of us) if you came to school on the first day with a few notes/ideas about how your summer reading went. You can use the questions above and on page 3 to help guide you. Keep track of the books you read. Jot down when/where you read. Don't write what you think I want to hear. Write the truth. Attached is a list of recommended books to get you started, but please do not feel limited to the list.

**I am requiring one writing assignment this summer:** Write a personal narrative about yourself. I don't want an informational essay about who you are and your interests. I also don't want an autobiography of your life. I do want a quick glimpse into a memory or moment that was important or memorable to you (or even just typical of you). My only request is you make it authentic. I want it to be real and a reflection of who you are. It will only be graded on completion, so do not stress about requirements/rubrics.

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To recap your 7th grade summer assignments:

1. Read often. Take notes daily or weekly about your reading habits. Notes can be typed, written in a journal, bullet pointed, etc. I've included guiding questions on page 3.
2. Write a personal narrative about yourself. Remember a narrative is a story and personal means it happened to you. Aim for at least one page but under five pages. Focus on one event/memory.

That's it! If you have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, happy exploring, and enjoy the freedom to read whatever you wish. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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**Helen Ruffin Reading Suggestions:**

These are the ones recommended for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade. The complete list includes more books appropriate for 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade and can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/y8jfp1hk>

*Each Tiny Spark*- Pablo Cartaya

*Blended*- Sharon Draper

*The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*- Dan Gemeinhart

*All the Impossible Things*- Lindsay Lackey

*Planet Earth is Blue*- Nicole Panteleakos

*Nikki on the Line*- Barbara Roberts

*To Night Owl From Dogfish*- Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer

*They Called Us Enemy*- George Takei, Justin Eisinger & Steven Scott

*The Bridge Home*- Padma Venkatraman

*Genesis Begins Again*- Alicia Williams

**Other Recommendations**

Alexander, Kwame- *Rebound* (or anything by this author)

Card, Orson Scott- *Ender's Game*

Christie, Agatha- *Murder on the Orient Express* (or anything by this author)

Cisneros, Sandra- *The House On Mango Street*

Creech, Sharon: *Walk Two Moons, Absolutely Normal Chaos, Chasing Redbird*

Dahl, Roald- *Boy: Tales of Childhood*

George, Jean Craighead- *My Side of the Mountain*

Gratz, Alan- *Allies* (or anything by this author)

McAnulty, Stacy- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*

Reynolds, Jason- *Ghost* (or anything by this author)

Saeed, Aisha- *Amal Unbound*

Spinelli, Jerry- *Stargirl* and or *Love, Stargirl*

Wolk, Lauren- *Beyond the Bright Sea*

Qoodson, Jacqueline- *Harbor Me*

**Additional Recommended Reading Activities**

-Read a biography of someone who interests you.

-Check and read daily articles on [timeforkids.com/news](http://timeforkids.com/news).

-Subscribe to a blog where the author writes about something you are passionate about.

-Pick an author or series and challenge yourself to read all the books.

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**Questions to get you thinking for your reading reflection/observation notes (these are suggestions not required responses. You should also add specifics about your summer reading- the books and authors you read):**

How many books do you read a week? A month? A school year?

What genre is your favorite?

What author?

When do you usually read?

How long do you typically read in one sitting?

How have your reading habits changed over the years?

The best book I ever had to read for school was \_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_.

I like/dislike reading with a book club because \_\_\_\_\_.