

Summer Reading List
English Classes
Grades 6 – 8

Summer reading is optional for students in grades 6 – 8.

- 6th Grade** Students may choose either:
The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare
or
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
- 7th Grade** Students read *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis
- 8th Grade** Students may choose either:
Hatchet by Gary Paulson
or
Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Middle School Summer Reading Book Report Requirements

This **optional** book report is counted as extra credit in the first quarter. After reading the book **closely follow the below format. Failure to follow this format will forfeit your eligibility for extra credit.**

Paragraph 1:

The first sentence should include the title, author, and a “hook” (some fact or detail that will captivate teacher’s interest). The rest of the paragraph should include the exposition (characters, setting) and a one sentence summary of the plot.

Paragraph 2:

This paragraph should include unpack the plot, giving details. Be careful here not to exceed the maximum allowable sentences.

Paragraph 3:

Your concluding paragraph should tell your teacher what you thought of the book. Did you like it? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to your friends, and why or why not?

REMEMBER: ALL PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE BETWEEN SIX AND TEN SENTENCES. INCLUDE A TOPIC SENTENCE FOR EACH PARAGRAPH. CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUTATION. USE SPELLCHECK BUT DO NOT RELY ON IT. CHECK YOUR WORK YOURSELF. THIS MUST BE TYPED AND IN MLA FORMAT. INCLUDE A CREATIVE TITLE.

Format:

Please visit the site below for the format of your book report.

Purdue MLA Format Link

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html