

Summer Reading for Rising 7th Graders

Students are required to read four (4) books over the summer and be prepared to discuss them on the first day of school, August 25, 2009.

ENGLISH (two required books)- Choose two from the following list:

The Giver by Lois Lowry
Eldest or *Brisingsr* by Christopher Paolini
Listening for Lions by Gloria Whelan
Flush by Carl Hiaasen
Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry
Schooled by Gordon Korman
Heir Apparent by Vivian Vande Velde
The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Kingdom Keepers II, Disney at Dawn by Ridley Pearson

Assignment: While reading these books, consider the themes of greed, power, and control. On one 4 x 6 note card (front & back), record information regarding the novel's main character(s), setting, and significant events. Consider the themes mentioned above. You may refer to this note card when composing a brief essay in class. Be prepared to share your thoughts and discuss your book in terms of the themes mentioned above.

HISTORY – Choose one from the following list:

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic
Three Cups of Tea – student edition by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
Mud City by Deborah Ellis (sequel to *The Breadwinner*)
Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis (the 3rd book of the Breadwinner Trilogy)

You do not need to turn in a written assignment. You will need to be able to participate in a discussion about your book. Be prepared to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the content and themes.

SCIENCE– Choose one from the following list:

Thunder Cave by Roland Smith
Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass (*available in hardcover only*)

Return to school prepared to discuss the book you read and participate in a group activity. Enjoy reading!