

HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS & SST
Summer Reading (+ Writing) Assignment
 Grades 6, 7, 8

What are you planning to read this summer? Summer is almost here, and we know you are excited for all the extra time you will have on your hands. Along with all the other fun things ‘extra time’ means, it also means extra time to kick back, relax, and enjoy a great book.

What do my teachers want to see when I come back in August?

- Your teachers are going to be excited to hear about all the great texts you read over the summer, so make sure you have a way to *remember* what you read.
- **Read at least FOUR texts over the summer**, but your teacher will only ask you for **TWO readers’ responses**.
- Select TWO options from the suggested response list (below), or ask your teacher if you have a different idea.
- Check out the QR codes for writing samples, so you pick the options you like the best.
- Finish before school begins, so you don’t have to worry completing it along with your schoolwork early next year.

What is the best way to make sure that I remember things from the texts while I am completing my responses?







- As you read, keep track of your thoughts. A notebook, sticky notes, paper - whatever works best for you. If you are not using sticky notes, be sure to write down the page of the book you are writing your thinking from, so that you can access it again if needed.

I am really busy in the summers, how can I find the time to read FOUR books?

- Reading is a great way to relax, and get ready for the day to end. Reading before bedtime is a good way to have daily time to read.
- Carry your books with you! Find time to read in the edges of your life, while waiting at the store, the car wash, for your sibling to get out of their dance/gym/taekwondo/etc. class, while you are with your family running errands.....there are so many times in your life when having a great book with you is just the thing you need!
- Don’t rush to finish, read a little bit every day, and enjoy it!

Suggestions for Readers’ Responses → (2 = Required)

Use the QR codes to check out examples for each type of Reader-Response!

<p>Reader Response Journal</p> <p>Write a journal entry to express what a character might feel--- or write an entry expressing what you feel—related to the book.</p>	
<p>Fictional Character Resume</p> <p>One of the characters in your book is looking for a job! Using what you know about them from the text, and your inferences, create a resume for a character.</p>	
<p>Infographic Based on a Novel</p> <p>Sometimes, the best way to say something about a book is to show it. There are several different types of infographics that can be created about a book. Spend some time looking at examples online, and then come up with an idea for one of your own about the book of your choice!</p>	
<p>Fakebook: Character Profile Page</p> <p>If your character had a Facebook page, what would it look like? Think about their favorites, their hobbies, things they did in the book. What pictures would be seen? Who would post comments to their wall? (For more Fakebook samples, go here: http://www.classtools.net/main_area/fakebook/gallery/)</p>	
<p>Text-Message Convo (Between Characters)</p> <p>If two (or more) characters from your book were to have a text conversation, what would it be? Using what you know about the characters and one of the scenes in the book, create a text message conversation.</p>	
<p>Blackout Poetry</p> <p>From a page in your book, cover or black-out the words you do not need, and leave the ones that create a poem expressing your thoughts, feelings, or the theme of the book you read.</p> <p>(HINT: You can find <i>loads</i> of examples by doing a Google-Image search of “Blackout Poetry”)</p>	

Letter to the Author

Compose a letter to the author of one of your books. You can respond to the book, ask questions, and/or provide feedback... After you turn it in, consider sending an actual letter (or email) to your author—if he/she is still living. Ask your teacher if you need assistance!



Creative Writing

Respond to the text in a creative way of your choice. Perhaps you compose a poem, write the story in a different setting, change the ending--- be as creative as you like!



<i>The 5th Wave</i>	Rick Yancey	Sci/Fi
<i>Cinder</i>	Marissa Meyer	Sci/Fi
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Agatha Christie	SciFi
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	Ray Bradbury.	SciFi
<i>War of the Worlds</i>	H.G. Wells.	SciFi
<i>The Hessian</i>	Howard Fast	SciFi
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Christopher P. Curtis	Historical Fiction
<i>Black Duck</i>	Janet Taylor Lisle	Historical Fiction
<i>Leonardo's Shadow</i>	Christopher Grey	Historical Fiction
<i>When My Name Was Keoko</i>	Linda Sue Park	Historical Fiction
<i>Incantation</i>	Alice Hoffman	Historical Fiction
<i>Airman</i>	Eoin Colfer	Historical Fiction
<i>A Northern Light</i>	Jennifer Donnelly	Historical Fiction
<i>Or Give Me Death</i>	Ann Rinaldi	Historical Fiction
<i>Chains</i>	Laurie H. Anderson	Historical Fiction
<i>Paperboy</i>	Vince Vawter	Historical Fiction
<i>Between Shades of Grey</i>	Ruta Sepatys	Historical Fiction
<i>Stormbreaker</i>	Anthony Horowitz	Fiction
<i>The Recruit</i>	Robert Muchamore	Fiction
<i>Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan</i>	John Flanagan	Fiction
<i>Jimmy Coates: Assassin?</i>	Joe Craig	Fiction
<i>Soldier Boys</i>	Dean Hughes	Fiction
<i>Boy At War</i>	Harry Mazer	Fiction
<i>Code Orange</i>	Caroline B. Cooney	Fiction
<i>Flash Flood</i>	Chris Ryan	Fiction
<i>Silverfin</i>	Charlie Higson	Fiction
<i>Confessions of a Closet Catholic</i>	Sarah Littman	Fiction
<i>You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah</i>	Fiona Rosenbloom	Fiction
<i>The Girl Who Invented Romance</i>	Caroline B. Cooney	Fiction
<i>A Girl Like Moi: The Fashion-Forward Adventures of Imogene</i>	Lisa Barham	Fiction
<i>If You Come Softly</i>	Jacqueline Woodson.	Fiction
<i>Flavor of the Week</i>	Tucker Shaw.	Fiction
<i>I'd Tell You That I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You</i>	Ally Carte	Fiction
<i>Bloomability</i>	Sharon Creech	Fiction
<i>A Great and Terrible Beauty</i>	Libba Bray	Fiction
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Muñoz Ryan	Fiction
<i>The Looking Glass Wars</i>	Frank Beddor	Fantasy
<i>Everlost</i>	Neal Shusterman	Fantasy
<i>Here There Be Dragons</i>	James A Owen	Fantasy
<i>Dealing With Dragons</i>	Patricia Wrede	Fantasy
<i>Magyk</i>	Angie Sage	Fantasy
<i>The Amulet of Samarkand</i>	Jonathan Stroud	Fantasy
<i>Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure</i>	P.B. Kerr	Fantasy
<i>* Cirque du Freak: A Living Nightmare</i>	Darren Shan.	Horror
<i>Full Tilt</i>	Neal Shusterman	Horror
<i>E.A. Poe's Tales of Mystery & Madness</i>	Illust. by Gris Grimly	Horror
<i>The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon</i>	Stephen King	Horror
<i>Coraline</i>	Neil Gaiman	Horror
<i>House of Stairs</i>	William Sleator.	Horror
<i>Midnighters: The Secret Hour</i>	Scott Westerfeld	Horror
<i>Something to Blog About</i>	Shana Norris	Humor
<i>Son of the Mob</i>	Gordon Korman	Humor
<i>The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts</i>	Richard Peck	Humor

<i>Harris and Me</i>	Gary Paulsen	Humor
<i>Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key</i>	Jack Gantos	Humor
<i>The Wee Free Men</i>	Terry Pratchett	Humor
<i>Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery</i>	Peter Abrahams	Mystery
<i>Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery</i>	John Feinstein	Mystery
<i>The Man With The Red Bag</i>	Eve Bunting	Mystery
<i>The Traitor's Gate</i>	Avi	Mystery
<i>Snatched</i>	Pete Hautman	Mystery
<i>Chasing Vermeer</i>	Blue Balliett	Mystery
<i>The Sisters Grimm: The Unusual Suspects</i>	Michael Buckley	Mystery
<i>Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon</i>	Catherine Thimmesh	NonFiction
<i>Promises To Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America</i>	Sharon Robinson	NonFiction
<i>Guts: the True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books</i>	Gary Paulsen	NonFiction
<i>My Life as a Furry Red Monster : What Being Elmo Has Taught Me About Life, Love, and Laughing Out Loud</i>	Kevin Clash	NonFiction
<i>Something Out of Nothing: Marie Curie and Radium</i>	Carla Killough McClafferty	NonFiction
<i>The Power of One : Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine</i>	Judith Fradin & Dennis Fradin	NonFiction
<i>5,000 miles to Freedom : Ellen and William Craft's Flight from Slavery</i>	Judith Fradin and Dennis Fradin	NonFiction
<i>A Girl's Life Online</i>	Katherine Tarbox	NonFiction
<i>I am Enough Journal Affirmations for Young Girls</i>	Elizabeth D. Gray	NonFiction
<i>The PACT</i>	Davis, Jenkins, Hunt, and Frazier	NonFiction
<i>Shakespeare Bats Cleanup</i>	Ron Koertge	Poetry
<i>Jump Ball: A Basketball Season in Poems</i>	Mel Glenn	Poetry
<i>Girl Coming in For a Landing : A Novel in Poems</i>	April Halprin Wayland	Poetry
<i>If the Shoe Fits : Voices From Cinderella</i>	Laura Whipple	Poetry
<i>Science Verse</i>	Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith	Poetry
<i>Jazmin's Notebook</i>	Nikki Grimes.	Poetry
<i>Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf : A Year Told Through Stuff</i>	Jennifer Holm	Poetry
<i>Dairy Queen</i>	Catherine Gilbert Murdock	Sports
<i>Whale Talk</i>	Chris Crutcher	Sports
<i>Crackback</i>	John Coy	Sports
<i>Keeper</i>	Mal Peet.	Sports
<i>Pinned</i>	Alfred C. Martino	Sports
<i>Small Steps</i>	Louis Sachar	Realistic Fiction
<i>Stargirl</i>	Jerry Spinelli	Realistic Fiction
<i>The Killing Sea</i>	Richard Lewis	Realistic Fiction
<i>Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac</i>	Gabielle Zevin	Realistic Fiction
<i>Red Midnight</i>	Ben Mikaelson	Realistic Fiction
<i>Schooled</i>	Gordon Korman	Realistic Fiction
<i>Monster</i>	Walter Dean Myers	Realistic Fiction
<i>The Gospel According to Larry</i>	Janet Tashjian	Realistic Fiction
<i>All of the Above</i>	Shelly Pearsall	Realistic Fiction
<i>Counting by 7s</i>	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Realistic Fiction