

ENTERING GRADE 7

Lawrence Woodmere Academy
Middle School

Summer Reading & Writing 2010

Due: First Day of School



Guidelines:

Reading

Read **two** books of your choice. Suggestions on how to find books of your interest are included in this booklet.

Please do not read: The Outsiders, A Raisin in the Sun, The Wave, Skulduggery Pleasant, Holes, The Chocolate War, Sing Down The Moon, The House on Mango Street, Seedfolks, Get Well Soon, The Boy Who Dared

(Some of these books will be explored during the school year!)

Both books must be:

- Full length (no picture or comic books, please)
 - Age appropriate
 - Appropriate to discuss in class
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Writing:

Complete the written responses as assigned on the attached sheets attached sheets.

HOW TO FIND JUST THE RIGHT BOOK

Some Suggestions....*LWA website

Click <http://www.lawrencewoodmere.org>, then click 'Academics', click 'Middle School', 'Summer Assignments' to find a summer reading resource list including NY Times Best Sellers, recently published award winning titles, and audio and internet choices.



Authors you have enjoyed

(Many authors and their publishers have homepages on the internet)

Internet Book Shopping

www.amazon.com

Search by author, age level, topic, title

Local & school libraries

- Book displays
- Ask the librarian
- Read the dust jacket (the cover & title do indeed draw us to books!)

By Genre

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Biography
- Autobiography
- Mystery
- Adventure
- Historical Fiction
- Science Fiction

Inspiration

Think about people who inspire you—musicians, athletes, civic leaders, artists, writers—and check out books written about or by them.

Go to the Bookstore

- Displays
- Ask salesperson for help
- Read the dust jacket

Book List Web Sites:

1. <http://ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2005/booklists.htm>
2. <http://www.seemore.mi.org/booklists/fiction.html#FicGeneral>
3. <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/bklistj.htm>
4. <http://waterborolibrary.org/bklistj.htm>
5. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/lists.html>
6. <http://www.meppl.lib.mo.us/readers/lists/juv/>

FAMILY FAVORITES

Books that family members have enjoyed:

Books recommended by your peers:

7th & 8th Grade Book Response Assignment

Due: The first day of school

Write a one page reflection for each of the books that you read by discussing one of the following themes (it could be a different theme for each book):

- Being an outcast
- Learning a life lesson
- Survival
- Loving and losing
- Letting go of something
- Finding common ground
- Journey to adventure
- Friendships challenged
- Try to see it my way
- Being an "almost teen"
- Adjusting to a new situation/person
- Following one's dream
- Taking a stand
- Self-discovery
- Giving someone/something a chance
- Meeting a challenge
- Beating the odds
- In search of the real me

In your response, be sure to include:

- ❖ Title of book and author
- ❖ What attracted you to the theme you chose?
- ❖ What scenes/situations in the book revealed this theme most memorably?
- ❖ In what way(s) do you relate to any of the characters' experiences?

Format:

- ❖ Your name (first & last) at the top
- ❖ Neatly handwritten on loose-leaf paper (blue or black ink) or typed – (if typed, then double spaced 1" margin, 12 pt. font, please)
- ❖ Complete sentences and developed paragraphs
- ❖ Proofread for spelling/mechanical fine-tuning