

2022 Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading

Students will read three books over the course of the summer- a choice of one assigned book and two others from the [Middle School Summer Reading list](#).

Students should select books they have not already read and are welcome to listen to an audible version of the book; if choosing to listen to the novel, we encourage students to read along as they listen. All summer reading assignments are **due by Friday, August 19, 2022.**

Part I: Students should select **one** of the following books to read:

- *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen ([purchase here](#)) **OR**
- *The War I Finally Won* ([purchase here](#)) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

The themes in these novels include growth during times of national conflict, befriending peers from other cultures, outdoor adventures, and the value of animal friendships.

Writing Assignment: For the novel you selected, complete the following writing assignment.

Please number each answer.

You may write neatly on paper or type and print your answers to be turned in the first week of school, by Friday, Aug. 19th.

1. Give the ***title*** and ***author*** of the book and the ***date*** you finished reading.
2. When and where does this story take place? (***Setting***) What other events were happening in the world during this time period? (***Context***)
3. Who is/are the ***main character(s)***? Who is the ***opposing character*** who makes challenges for the main character?
4. What are some of the ***hardships or challenges*** the main character faces? Refer to at least ***two specific events*** in the story.
5. What does the main ***character learn about himself/herself*** and life as he/she faces these challenges or hardships? (Ex: patience, determination, acceptance of others, etc.) Use at least ***three specific examples*** from the story to support your answer.
6. Write a brief paragraph showing how this story ***reminds you of something else*** you have read or experienced (something from the Bible? real life? a movie? a play? another book?) Think in terms of setting, characters, conflicts, etc. Be sure you use specific details from both pieces.

7. Give this **book a rating** (4* the highest and 1* the lowest) and tell in a **few sentences** why you rated it this way.

Part II: Students should choose **two books** from the following list OR you may read the other required book AND choose one from the Summer Reading List. The link is [here](#). Be sure to select novels you have not yet read.

Writing Assignment: For these two books, complete the following writing assignment for each book. You may write neatly on paper or type and print your answers to be turned in the first week of school.

- A. Write a **10-12 sentence paragraph** that summarizes the book. Include the main characters, the settings of the novels, and the conflicts faced in the plot. It should be clear from the details that you include that you finished the novel.
- B. Be prepared to discuss the book during the first few days of school.