



Grade 7 Required Reading

The Trial by Jennifer Bryant

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

An American Plague: True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
by Jim Murphy

My Last Skirt: the Story of Jeanie Hodgess, Union Soldier by Lynda Durrant
Fever 1793 by Anderson

Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt

Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

Blood on the River by Elisa Carbone

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie by Kristina Gregory

The Year of the Hangman by Gary Blackwood

Directions:

Choose one of the books listed above.

Write at least a one page typed summary of the book you have chosen.

You must include setting, description of major characters (protagonist and antagonist) and any integral supporting characters, the exposition (where the problem is introduced), the rising action (events that move the story along), the climax, and the conclusion.

You must then tell whether or not you liked the book and at least three reasons why or why not.

Create a cover depicting a scene from the book; you may use any artistic media: collage, paints, markers, computer, and/or crayons.

Be prepared to participate in a class discussion about your book and to take a test on that book. You must bring the book to school with you for the first day of class.

You must also create and complete a Reading Log for each day of vacation from July 1st through September 1st. You should be reading at least an average of 20 minutes a day.

Create your log as a table on the computer.

The title should be YOU NAME'S READING LOG (e.g. Eileen Adelizzi's Reading Log)

Use the following headings for each column: Date, Material (magazine, newspaper, and book), Title, Pages, Comment, (should tell a sentence or two about what you have read that day) and Initials (please have your parent put their initials here when you are finished reading each day)

Attach your summary and your log to your cover.

PLEASE E-MAIL ME YOUR CHOICE OF BOOK BY AUGUST 1ST AT
dizzelize@aol.com

Due Date: Friday, September 5, 2008

Rubric:

You can earn as many as 15 points for your cover.

You can earn as many as 20 points for your Book Summary.

You can earn as many as 40 points for your Reading Log.

You can earn as many as 5 points for your ability to follow directions.

You can earn as many as 5 points for e-mailing me the title of your chosen book on time.

You can earn as many as 10 points for mechanics. (Capitalization, punctuation, correct usage etc.)

You can earn as many as 5 points for the overall appearance. (neatness, organization)

Supplemental Reading:

Any *Dear America Book* or consult this site: <http://www.scholastic.com>