

Summer Reading Requirements
Rising 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders
Summer 2015



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Because reading is a vital life skill, Langston students are required to read for enrichment over the summer months. Summer reading supports the review and advancement of reading habits and skills.

The requirement for all students is to read two selections during the summer. One is assigned to you (below); you pick the other.

Rising 6 th graders:	Rising 7 th graders:	Rising 8 th graders:
1. <u>The Lightning Thief</u> (Percy Jackson and the Olympians) by Rick Riordan	1. <u>Hatchet</u> by Gary Paulsen	1. <u>Night</u> by Elie Wiesel
AND	AND	AND
2. Any grade-level appropriate novel (200+ pages)	2. Any grade-level appropriate novel (200+ pages)	2. Any grade-level appropriate novel (200+ pages)

*Note about your second (personal choice) selection: choose a book that challenges you. It should be a novel appropriate for your grade and reading level (no graphic/picture novels, like Diary of a Wimpy Kid) and be a minimum of 200 pages in length.

The lists below are simply for your convenience and to guide you toward grade-level (or above) reading; however, you are not required to pick a title from these lists when selecting your 2nd novel.

Evaluation: You will receive a test grade for the 1st quarter based on your 2 novels. There are 2 parts to this test grade:

50 pts-Part 1: Within the 1st two weeks of school, you will take a test in English on the 1st selection. The test will cover basic information about characters as well as events of the plot; you may want to take notes as you read so you'll be prepared when the test is given.

50 pts-Part 2: Answer the 5 questions below about the 2nd novel you chose. **These answers will be due Sept 8, 2015.** Word process (type) your answers. Center the title of the book and the author's name at the top of the page. Make sure your name is written in the upper right corner. Full credit will be given for quality responses which follow given instructions.

<u>If your 2nd selection was FICTION,</u> answer these 5 QUESTIONS:	<u>If your 2nd selection was NON-FICTION,</u> answer these 5 questions:
1. Use well-constructed sentences to explain why you liked/disliked the book. Do NOT write responses like: "It was great" or "I liked it because it was good." You must give clear, specific reasons why you liked/disliked the book. Talk about specific passages that struck you as significant—or interesting, profound, amusing, illuminating, disturbing, sad...? What was memorable? (3 sentence minimum)	1. Use well-constructed sentences to explain why you liked/disliked the book. Do NOT write responses like: "It was great" or "I liked it because it was good." You must give clear, specific reasons why you liked/disliked the book. Talk about specific passages that struck you as significant—or interesting, profound, amusing, illuminating, disturbing, sad...? What was memorable? (3 sentence minimum)
2. Using well-constructed sentences, explain how one character changed throughout the story. Give specific examples/reasoning from the story. (5 sentence minimum)	2. What questions would you ask the author if you could interview them? Write five thoughtful questions.
3. Explain the main conflict and any minor conflicts. Who is involved in these conflicts and how are they resolved? How do these conflicts make the story exciting/suspenseful? (5 sentence minimum)	3. What have you learned after reading this book? Has it made you see things differently? (5 sentence minimum)
4. Using well-constructed sentences, describe the main setting (time and place, including time period). Explain how the setting is important to the novel. (3 sentence minimum)	4. Was the topic dealt with fairly or did the author seem to be biased about the topics in the book? What makes the author qualified to discuss these topics? (3 sentence minimum)
5. What life lesson can the reader learn from this book? How does this book relate to real life or a personal experience? (3 sentence min)	5. What message is the author trying to get across to the reader? Why? How does the author effectively/not effectively get his/her message across? (3 sentence min)

Titles for Rising Sixth Graders		Author
Secrets of a Wildlife Watcher	NF	Arnosky, Jim
Windcatcher	F	Avi
The Penderwicks	F	Birdsall, Jeanne
Williwaw	F	Bodett, Tom
Skeleton Man	F	Bruchac, Joseph
A Girl from Yamhill	B	Cleary, Beverly
Strider	F	Cleary, Beverly
The Story of Thomas Edison	B	Cousins, Margaret
Bud, Not Buddy	F	Curtis, Christopher Paul
The Twits	F	Dahl, Roald
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	F	Dahl, Roald
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	F	Dahl, Roald
James and the Giant Peach	F	Dahl, Roald
Matilda	F	Dahl, Roald
Vanishing Chip	F	Delaney, Mark
Because of Winn Dixie	F	DiCamillo, Kate
The Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet	F	DiCamillo, Kate
The Whipping Boy	F	Fleischman, Sid
You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	B	Fritz, Jean
Coraline	F	Gaiman, Neil
My Side of the Mountain	F	George, Jean Craighead
On the Far Side of the Mountain	F	George, Jean Craighead
Old Yeller	F	Gipson, Fred
Wind in the Willows	F	Grahame, Kenneth
Among the Hidden	F	Haddix, Margaret
Just Ella	F	Haddix, Margaret
One True Friend	F	Hansen, Joyce
The Maze	F	Hobbs, Will
The Tail of Emily Windsnap	F	Kesslev, Liz
The Smugglers	F	Lawrence, Iain
The Wreckers	F	Lawrence, Iain
Jack Horner: Living with Dinosaurs	NF	Lessem, Don
Nobody's There	F	Nixon, Joan Lowery
The Haunting	F	Nixon, Joan Lowery
A Single Shard	F	Park, Linda Sue
Bridge to Terabithia	F	Patterson, Katherine
A Year Down Yonder	F	Peck, Richard
A Long Way from Chicago	F	Peck, Richard
A Day No Pigs Would Die	F	Peck, Robert
On the Wings of Heroes	F	Peck, Richard
Max the Mighty	F	Philbrick, Rodman
Esperanza Rising	F	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Riding Freedom	F	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Holes	F	Sachar, Louis
Peak	F	Smith, Roland
Elephant Run	F	Smith, Roland
Jack's Run	F	Smith, Roland
Stargirl	F	Spinelli, Jerry
Winger	F	Spinelli, Jerry
Love,	F	Spinelli, Jerry
Calico Captive	F	Speare, Elizabeth George
Prince and the Pauper	F	Twain, Mark
A Jar of Dreams	F	Uchida, Yoshiko
When Pigs Fly	F	Wood, June Rae
Ribbons	F	Yep, Laurence

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Sixth Grade Continued		
Wizard of Oz	F	Baum, Frank L.
Herculeah Jones Mysteries	F	Byars, Betsy
Joey Pigza	F	Gantos, Jack
Dork Series	F	Gorman, Carol
Horse Stories	F	Henry, Marguerite
Chronicles of Narnia	F	Lewis, C.S.
Dear America	F	Various Authors, Scholastic
One Fat Summer	F	Robert Lipsyte
Brian's Saga <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hatchet • Brian's Winter • The River • Brian's Hunt • Brian's Return 	F	Paulsen, Gary
The Tucket Adventures	F	Paulsen, Gary
Rowan	F	Rodda, Emily
Alex Rider Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scorpia • Ark Angel • Snakehead 	F	Anthony Horowitz
Scat	F	Carl Hiaasen
The Warrior Heir Trilogy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Warrior Heir • The Dragon Heir • The Wizard Heir 	F	Cinda Williams Chima
Percy Jackson series (not Lightning Thief please)	F	Rick Riordan
Behind Enemy Lines	NF	Marthe Cohn
Ranger's Apprentice Series	F	John Flanagan
Tangerine	F	Edward Bloor
Hope Was Here	F	Joan Bauer
War Horse	HF	Michael Morpurgo
Fires of Jubilee	HF	Alison Hart
Ashes of Roses	HF	Mary Jane Auch
Absolutely Normal Chaos	F	Sharon Creech
The Midwife's Apprentice	HF	Karen Cushman
Catherine, Called Birdy	HF	Karen Cushman

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Titles for Rising Seventh Graders		Author
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	F	Aiken, Joan
The King's Shadow	F	Alder, Elizabeth
Whittington	F	Armstrong, Alan
Sounder	F	Armstrong, William
Nevermind!	F	Avi
Anna of Byzantium	F	Barrett, Tracy
Tangerine	F	Bloor, Edward
Incredible Journey	F	Burnford, Sheila
Ender's Game	F	Card, Orson Scott
Artemis Fowl Series	F	Colfer, Eoin
The Ransom of Mercy Carter	F	Cooney, Caroline
The King of Shadows	F	Cooper, Susan
Chasing Redbird	F	Creech, Sharon
The Seeing Stone	F	Crossley-Holland, Kevin
The Witches	F	Dahl, Roald
The BFG	F	Dahl, Roald
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	F	Dahl, Roald
James and the Giant Peach	F	Dahl, Roald
The Twits	F	Dahl, Roald
The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker	F	DeFelice, Cynthia
Oliver Twist	F	Dickens, Charles
Copper Sun	F	Draper, Sharon
Tears of a Tiger	F	Draper, Sharon
We Beat the Street	F	Draper, Sharon
Romiette and Julio	F	Draper, Sharon
Under a War-Torn Sky	F	Elliott, Laura
Sea of Trolls	F	Farmer, Nancy
Randall's Wall	F	Fenner, Carol
The Abracadabra Kid: A Writer's Life	B	Fleischman, Sid
Johnny Tremain	F	Forbes, Esther
The Skin I'm In	F	Flake, Sharon
The Life and Death of Crazy Horse	NF	Freedman, Russell
Inkheart	F	Funke, Cornelia
The Thief Lord	F	Funke, Cornelia
I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly	F	Hansen, Joyce
A Time of Angels	F	Hesse, Karen
A Murder for Her Majesty	F	Hilgartner, Beth
Bearstone	F	Hobbs, Will
Alex Rider Series	F	Horowitz, Anthony
Everything on a Waffle (Newberry Award Winner)	F	Horvath, Polly
The Jungle Book	F	Kipling, Rudyard
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	F	Konigsburg, E.L.
Bluford High Series: ➤ Secrets in the Shadows ➤ The Bully ➤ The Gun ➤ Blood is Thicker ➤ Brothers in Arms	F	Langan, Paul & D.M.Blackwell
Ella Enchanted	F	Levine, Gail
One Fat Summer	F	Lipsyte, Robert
Hidden Talents	F	Lubar, David
A Corner of the Universe	F	Martin, Ann M.
After the Rain	F	Mazer, Norma Fox
Touching Spirit Bear	F	Mikaelsen, Ben
Kavik, The Wolf Dog	F	Morey, Walt
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali	NF	Myers, Walter Dean
The Glory Field	F	Myers, Walter Dean
The Other Side of Truth	F	Naidoo, Beverly
Ties That Bind, Ties That Break	F	Namioka, Lensey
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If I Should Die Before I Wake	F	Nolan, Han
Wind Singer	F	Nicholson, William
Twisted Summer	F	Roberts, Willo Davis
Missing May	F	Rylant, Cynthia
Dark Side of Nowhere	F	Shusterman, Neal
Peak	F	Smith, Roland
Elephant Run	F	Smith, Roland
A Series of Unfortunate Events	F	Snicket, Lemony
Knots in My Yo-Yo String	B	Spinelli, Jerry
Song of the Trees	F	Taylor, Mildred
The Edge on the Sword	F	Tingle, Rebecca
Surviving the Applewhites	F	Tolan, Stephanie
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	F	Twain, Mark
Memory Boy	F	Weaver, Will
Homeless Bird	F	Whelan , Gloria
Voyage on the Great Titanic	F	White, Ellen Emerson
The Devil's Arithmetic	F	Yolen, Jane
Shakespeare Series	F	Blackwood, Gary
Princess Diaries	F	Cabot, Meg
Chronicles of Narnia	F	Lewis, C.S.
Royal Diaries Series	F	Various Authors, Scholastic
My Name is America	F	Various Authors, Scholastic
Before We Were Free	F	Alvarez, Julia
Tangerine	F	Bloor, Edward
Things Not Seen	F	Clements, Andrew
The Girl Who Threw Butterflies	F	Cochrane, Mick
The Steps	F	Cohn, Rachel
The Loud Silence of Francine Green	F	Cushman, Karen
Once Upon a Marigold	F	Ferris, Jean
Bronx Masquerade	F	Grimes, Nikki
Call of The Wild	F	London, Jack
Pull of the Ocean	F	Mourlevat, Jean-Claude
Airborn	F	Oppel, Kenneth
Mortal Engines	F	Reeve, Philip
Phineas Gage	NF	Fleischman, John
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini	NF	Fleischman, Sid
The Rocket Boys	NF	Hickam, Homer

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Title for Rising Eighth Graders		Author
Kit's Wilderness	F	Almond, David
Fever, 1793	F	Anderson, Laurie Halse
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	F	Angelou, Maya
Emma	F	Austen, Jane
Pride and Prejudice	F	Austen, Jane
Beyond the Western Sea Book 1 and 2	F	Avi
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	F	Avi
Hope Was Here	F	Bauer, Joan
Turn Homeward, Hannalee	F	Beatty, Patricia
Fahrenheit 451	F	Bradbury, Ray
Jane Eyre	F	Brönte, Charlotte
Tangerine	F	Bloor, Thomas
Jake's Orphan	F	Brooke, Peggy
The Moves Make the Man	F	Brooks, Bruce
A Pocket Full of Rye	F	Christie, Agatha
Catherine Called Birdie	F	Cushman, Karen
Robinson Crusoe	F	Defoe, Daniel
Night Hoops	F	Deuker, Carl
David Copperfield	F	Dickens, Charles
Great Expectations	F	Dickens, Charles
The Hound of the Baskervilles	F	Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan
Copper Sun	F	Draper, Sharon
The Battle of Jericho	F	Draper, Sharon
Tears of the Tiger	F	Draper, Sharon
Locked in Time	F	Duncan, Lois
House of the Scorpion	F	Farmer, Nancy
Captain Horatio Hornblower	F	Forester, C.S.
The Diary of a Young Girl	NF	Frank, Anne
Cowboys of the Wild West	NF	Freedman, Russell
Out of the Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille	NF	Freedman, Russell
The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane	NF	Freedman, Russell
Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold	NF	Fritz, Jean
A Heart Divided	F	Gottesfeld, Jeff
The Scarlet Letter	F	Hawthorne, Nathaniel
Downriver	F	Hobbs, Will
Wild Man Island	F	Hobbs, Will
Torn Thread	F	Isaacs, Anne
Ice Story: Shackleton's Lost Expedition	NF	Kimmell, Elizabeth Cody
Silent to the Bone	F	Konisburg, E.L.
Just Jane	F	Lavender, William
The Two Princesses of Bamarre	F	Levine, Gail Carson
The Call of the Wild	F	London, Jack
White Fang	F	London, Jack
A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor	F	Mazer, Harry
Girlhearts	F	Mazer, Norma Fox
The Glory Field	F	Myers, Walter Dean
Slam!	F	Myers, Walter Dean
The Scarlet Pimperil	F	Orczy, Baroness Emmuska
The Higher Power of Lucky	F	Patron, Susan
Nightjohn	F	Paulsen, Gary
Scribbler of Dreams	F	Pearson, Mary
The Golden Compass	F	Pullman, Phillip
The Dark Side of Nowhere	F	Shusterman, Neal
Downsiders	F	Shusterman, Neal
Treasure Island	F	Stevenson, Robert L.
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	F	Taylor, Mildred
The War of the Worlds	F	Wells, H.G.
Miracle's Boys	F	Woodson, Jacqueline
Series': (Select one from the series!)		
Chronicles of Prydain	F	Alexander, Lloyd
Jane Marple Mysteries	F	Christie, Agatha
Hercule Poirot Mysteries	F	Christie, Agatha
Stormbreaker Series	F	Horowitz, Anthony
Alex Rider Adventure		
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Titles for 8 th grade cont...		

Chronicles of Narnia	F	Lewis, C.S.
The Quilt Trilogy	F	Rinaldi, Ann
The Lord of the Rings (Trilogy)	F	Tolkien, J.R.R.
Fever	F	Anderson, Laurie
Peeled	F	Bauer, Joan
The Shepherd's Granddaughter	F	Carter, Anne Laurel
Murder on the Orient Express	F	Christie, Agatha
Rebecca	F	Du Maurier, Daphne
Under A War Torn Sky	HF	Elliot, Laura
April Morning	HF	Fast, Howard
The Graveyard Book **Newberry Award Winner '08	F	Gaimen, Neil
The Falconer's Knot	F	Hoffman, Mary
Kira-Kira **Newberry Award Winner 2004	HF	Kadahata, Cynthia
The Secret Life of Bees	F	Kidd, Sue Monk
Goodnight, Mr. Tom	HF	Magorian, Michele
Trouble	HF	Schmidt, Gary
Climbing the Stairs	HF	Venkatraman, Padma
Abigail Adams	NF	Bober, Natalie
Thomas Jefferson: Draftsman to a Nation	NF	Bober, Natalie
10,000 Days of Thunder	NF	Caputo, Philip
A Dangerous Engine	NF	Dash, Joan
The Children of Willesden Lane (WWII Nazi Germany)	NF	Golabek, Mona
An American Plague	NF	Murphy, Jim
The Greatest: Muhammed Ali	NF	Myers, Walter Dean
The Code Book	NF	Singh, Simon

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