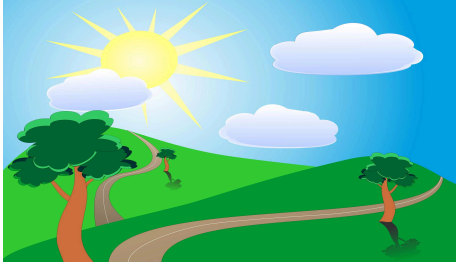


SUMMER READING - 7th Grade ELA



Welcome to the 7th Grade! We're very excited that we'll be meeting you in a couple of months! There's nothing more wonderful on a summer's day than having a good book at the beach, at camp, on a plane, or at home in the backyard with you to read. (*Please note: This summer reading list is **mandatory**.*)

We're asking that you read **at least** one of the books from the list below. Go to Amazon.com, enter the book title, and then "take a look inside" to see if this is a book you'd like to read. If you have a Kindle, you can read the first 10 pages for free to see if this is the book for you. All of them can be found - not only in bookstores and electronically - but in the public library as well.

Non-Fiction

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Patillo Beales

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pederson and the Churchill Club, Phillip Hoose

A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park

Citizen 13660, Mine Okubo (a graphic novel)

Fiction & Science Fiction

Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card

The Uglies, Scott Westerfield

Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper

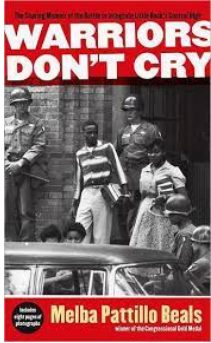
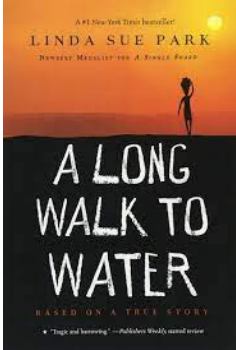
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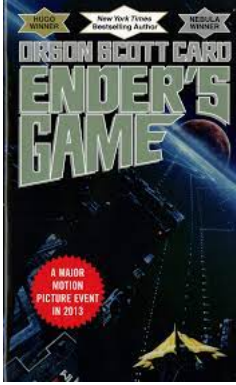
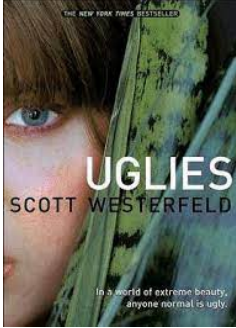
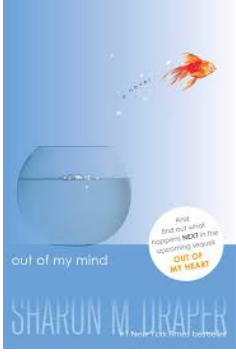
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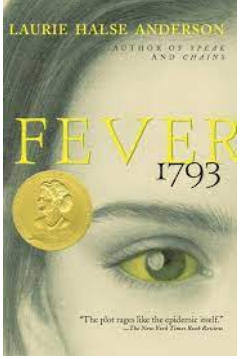
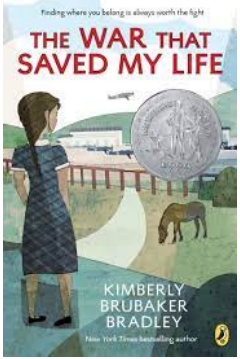
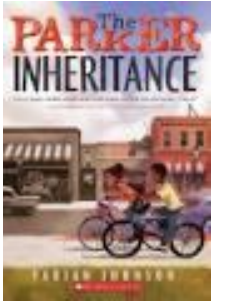
The Parker Inheritance, Varian Johnson

As you read, or after you read, you will be using a [Character Traits graphic organizer](#). We're asking that you complete *at least* one of these for the main characters in the book you have chosen. And, if you wish, you can reproduce the graphic organizer and think about another character -it can be the protagonist, the antagonist, or anyone who plays a significant part in the story. The completed character map should be brought with you for our first day of school, so we can get right to work on writing! Questions? Please contact either Mr. Allen, Ms. Phipps, or Ms. Moore. We can be reached at jallen@ashland.k12.ma.us , lhipps@ashland.k12.ma.us, and emoore@ashland.k12.ma.us

Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to meeting you in 7th grade!!

Title Author	Book Cover	Blurb
<p><i>Warriors Don't Cry</i> Melba Pattillo Beales</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“In 1957, well before Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech, Melba Pattillo Beals and eight other teenagers became iconic symbols for the Civil Rights Movement and the dismantling of Jim Crow in the American South as they integrated Little Rock’s Central High School in the wake of the landmark 1954 Supreme Court ruling, <i>Brown v. Board of Education</i>.</p> <p><i>Warriors Don't Cry</i> is, at times, a difficult but necessary reminder of the valuable lessons we can learn from our nation’s past. It is a story of courage and the bravery of a handful of young, black students who used their voices to influence change during a turbulent time.”</p>
<p><i>‘Boys Who Challenged Hitler; Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club</i> Phillip Hoose</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not. Naming their secret club after the fiery British leader, the young patriots in the Churchill Club committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. But their efforts were not in vain: the boys' exploits and eventual imprisonment helped spark a full-blown Danish resistance. Interweaving his own narrative with the recollections of Knud himself, <i>The Boys Who Challenged Hitler</i> is National Book Award winner Phillip Hoose's inspiring story of these young war heroes.”</p>
<p><i>A Long Walk to Water</i> Linda Sue Park</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours’ walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the “lost boys” of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya’s in an astonishing and moving way. Includes an afterword by author Linda Sue Park and the real-life Salva Dut, on whom the novel is based, and who went on to found Water for South Sudan.”</p>
<p><i>Citizen 13660</i> Mine Okubo</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“Mine Okubo was one of over one hundred thousand people of Japanese descent - nearly two-thirds of whom were American citizens - who were forced into “protective custody” shortly after Pearl Harbor. <i>Citizen 13660</i>, Okubo's graphic memoir of life in relocation centers in California and Utah, illuminates this experience with poignant illustrations and witty, candid text. Now available with a new introduction by Christine Hong and in a wide-format artist edition, this graphic novel can reach a new generation of readers and scholars.”</p>

<p><i>Ender's Game</i> Orson Scott Card</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“In order to develop a secure defense against a hostile alien race's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers. A brilliant young boy, Andrew "Ender" Wiggin lives with his kind but distant parents, his sadistic brother Peter, and the person he loves more than anyone else, his sister Valentine. Peter and Valentine were candidates for the soldier-training program but didn't make the cut—young Ender is the Wiggin drafted to the orbiting Battle School for rigorous military training.</p> <p>Ender's skills make him a leader in school and respected in the Battle Room, where children play at mock battles in zero gravity. Yet growing up in an artificial community of young soldiers, Ender suffers greatly from isolation, rivalry from his peers, pressure from the adult teachers, and an unsettling fear of the alien invaders. His psychological battles include loneliness, fear that he is becoming like the cruel brother he remembers, and fanning the flames of devotion to his beloved sister.</p> <p>Is Ender the general Earth needs? But Ender is not the only result of the genetic experiments. The war with the Buggers has been raging for a hundred years, and the quest for the perfect general has been underway for almost as long. Ender's two older siblings are every bit as unusual as he is, but in very different ways. Between the three of them lie the abilities to remake a world. If, that is, the world survives.”</p>
<p><i>The Uglies</i> Scott Westerfield</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can’t wait. In just a few weeks she’ll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty. And as a pretty, she’ll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun.</p> <p>But Tally’s new friend Shay isn’t sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world—and it isn’t very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally’s choice will change her world forever.”</p>
<p><i>Out of My Mind</i> Sharon M. Draper</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can’t walk. She can’t talk. She can’t write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. She’s the smartest kid in her whole school, but NO ONE knows it. Most people—her teachers, her doctors, her classmates—dismiss her as mentally challenged because she can’t tell them otherwise. But Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she’s determined to let everyone know it...somehow.”</p>

<p><i>Fever 1793</i> Laurie Halse Anderson</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out.</p> <p>Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.”</p>
<p><i>The War That Saved My Life</i> Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn’t waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.</p> <p>So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?”</p>
<p><i>The Parker Inheritance</i> Varian Johnson</p> <p>Link</p>		<p>“When Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding its writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. So with the help of Brandon, the quiet boy across the street, she begins to decipher the clues. The challenge will lead them deep into Lambert's history, full of ugly deeds, forgotten heroes, and one great love; and deeper into their own families, with their own unspoken secrets. Can they find the fortune and fulfill the letter's promise before the answers slip into the past yet again?”</p>