

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Reading 2020

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders are required to read three books total over the summer. Read one fiction of the two listed below, one book on the list by author Mitali Perkins, and one nonfiction book listed below.

Required books for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

(Fiction) ***Tiger, Tiger* by Lynne Reid Banks:** Discover what happens when two tiger cub brothers are taken from the wild to Ancient Rome. One to be the pampered pet of Emperor Caesar's daughter and the other becomes a man-eating "entertainment act" at the Colosseum. (*SLJ* and *Booklist* Reviews, *Publisher's Weekly* Starred Review,)

**OR**

(Fiction) Any book in the ***The Roman Mysteries Series* by, Caroline Lawrence:** Travel back to ancient Roman Empire during the reign of the Emperor Titus. Follow the adventures of four children who solve mysteries and have adventures in Rome, Greece, and beyond: Flavia, a Roman girl who lives in Ostia; Nubia, a slave girl from Africa; Jonathan, a Jewish boy; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy. Read all 17! (Classical Association Prize, *Jr. Library Guild* Selection, International bestseller, *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, *SLJ* Reviews)

**AND**

Choose on of these books by author Mitali Perkins: ***Bamboo People, You Bring the Distant Near, Monsoon Summer.***

**AND**

(Nonfiction) ***Bodies From The Ash* by, James Deem:** the year A.D. 79, an eruption of Mount Vesuvius effectively wiped Pompeii and Herculaneum. Hundreds of years later excavators were able to cast plaster molds in air pockets formed by bodies encased in lava and hardened ash. The resulting "mummies" not only capture the human tragedy of Vesuvius's eruption, but also provide valuable evidence about life, and death, in ancient Italy. (VOYA Honor List, Bank Street College Best of the Best, *SLJ*'s Best Children Book, CCBC Choice Award, Orbis Pictus Recommended)

**OR**

(Nonfiction) Any ***DK Eyewitness*** Book on: Mesopotamia, Ancient Egypt, Ancient China, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Reading 2020

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to read three books total over the summer. Read one fiction of the two listed below, one book on the list by author Mitali Perkins, and one nonfiction book listed below.

Required two books for incoming 7th graders:

(Fiction) ***Shooting Kabul* by, N.H. Senzai:** Escaping from Taliban-controlled Afghanistan in the summer of 2001, eleven-year-old Fadi and his family immigrate to the San Francisco Bay Area. Fadi then schemes to return to the Pakistani refugee camp where his little sister was accidentally left behind. (Asian/Pacific American Award, Middle East Book Award, Bank Street Best Book of the Year, IRA's Teacher Choice, Booklist, *SLJ*, *Kirkus*, Reviews, NPR's Backseat Bookclub)

**OR**

(Fiction) ***The Shakespeare Stealer* by, Gary Blackwood:** A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty. Read the whole trilogy! (ALA Best Book for Young Adults, *SLJ* Starred Review, *Kirkus* and *Publisher's Weekly* Reviews)

**AND**

Choose on of these books by author Mitali Perkins: ***Bamboo People, You Bring the Distant Near, Monsoon Summer.***

**AND**

**Twelve Days in Summer: Freedom Ride 1961:** On May 4, 1961, a group of thirteen black and white civil rights activists launched the Freedom Ride, aiming to challenge the practice of segregation on buses and at bus terminal facilities in the South, with their peaceful protest. As the Riders traveled deeper into the South, they encountered increasing violence and opposition. Noted civil rights author Larry Dane Brimner relies on archival documents and rarely seen images to tell the riveting story of the little-known first days of the Freedom Ride. (Sibert Award, *SLJ* Starred review, *Booklist* Starred review, *Kirkus* Review)

**OR**

(Nonfiction) Any ***DK Eyewitness*** Book on the following topics: Renaissance, Medieval, Knight, Castle, Arms and Armor

**OR**

(Nonfiction) Any book in the ***Medieval World*** series by, Kay Eastwood

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Required two books for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders:

(Fiction) ***The Green Glass Sea* by, Ellen Klages:** It is 1943 and an 11-year-old Dewey is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father, but no one will tell her exactly where. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why he is there: he is working on a top-secret government program. (Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, Horn Book and Publisher's Weekly Starred Review, YALSA Nonfiction Award Finalist)

**OR**

(Fiction) ***Nothing But The Truth* by, Avi:** In this thought-provoking examination of freedom, patriotism, and respect, ninth-grader, Philip Malloy, is kept from joining the track team by his failing grades in English class. Convinced that the teacher just doesn't like him, Philip concocts a plan to get transferred out of her class. Breaking the school's policy of silence during the national anthem, he hums along, and ends up in a crisis at the center of the nation's attention. (Newbery Honor, ALA Best Book, ALA Notable, Boston *Globe-Horn* Award, *NY Times* Review)

**AND** Choose one of these books by author Mitali Perkins: ***Bamboo People, You Bring the Distant Near, Monsoon Summer.***

**AND**

(Nonfiction) ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by, James Swanson:** This young adult version of Swan's best selling *Manhunt*, is an account of Lincoln's assassination and the 12-day search for his killer. (*NYT* Bestseller List, YALSA Best Book for Young Adults, *SLJ* and *Kirkus* Starred Reviews)

**OR**

(Nonfiction) ***The President Has Been Shot!* By, James Swanson:** A dramatic account of the 35th president's assassination is presented in the author's signature style and imparts the urgent pace and riveting details of the key events. (YOYA, *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, *SLJ* and *The Horn Book* Reviews)

**OR**

(Nonfiction) ***The Freedom Summer Murders* by, Don Mitchell:** Coinciding with the fiftieth anniversary of the Freedom Summer murders, traces the events surrounding the KKK lynching of three young civil rights activists who were trying to register African Americans for the vote. (YOYA, *Kirkus*, *Booklist*, *SLJ* and *The Horn Book* Reviews)

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**Summer Reading Graphic Organizer  
for Nonfiction Books**

**Purpose (Why did the author write this book?)**

<b>Main Idea</b>	<b>Main Idea</b>	<b>Main Idea</b>
<b>Supporting Detail/Text Evidence</b> 1)  2)	<b>Supporting Detail/Text Evidence</b> 1)  2)	<b>Supporting Detail/Text Evidence</b> 1)  2)
<b>Interesting Facts</b>		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Summer Reading Graphic Organizer for Fiction

Title/Author	
Main Characters	Brief Description of Main Characters: physical and personality traits
Describe the setting (time and place). Be sure to include at least one supporting detail from the text.	
Explain briefly the main conflict in the story and how was it solved or resolved. Be sure to include at least one supporting detail from the text.	
Explain the theme of the story. Be sure to include at least one supporting detail from the text.	