

Seventh Grade Summer Reading:

Students must read **three** books:

1. *Catherine Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman
2. *Robin Hood* by Henry Gilbert (The Kindle version is fine)

You may choose the third book from the following:

1. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
2. *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
3. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
4. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien (If you did not read this book last year)
5. Any of the *Harry Potter Series* by JK Rowling (one that you did not previously read)

Assignment:

For *Catherine called Birdy* and the book of your choice you must do a **one page book review** which contain the following information:

- **Title and author**
- **Main character information - A brief description of character such as looks and character traits/personality**
- **Setting**
- **Plot/Resolution** (What was the main problem/plan/story line/scheme of the story and how it was resolved?)
- **Personal review of the book.** (Include likes and dislikes with reasons for both, what you learned from the book, how you connected to the characters, would you recommend this book (why or why not)?)
- **It should be a minimum of 3 -5 paragraphs.**
- **MAKE SURE YOU USE QUOTES FROM THE BOOK TO SUPPORT YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE REVIEW.**
- **Boarders must be included on book reviews.**
- **It must be presented in FINAL format (CARD STOCK). Spelling, punctuation, sentence and paragraph structure must be correct.**
- **All pictures are hand drawn. No pictures may be printed from the internet.**

For *Robin Hood by Henry Gilbert* , you may choose one of the following projects:

- **TURN YOUR CHAPTER BOOK INTO AN ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK.** Create a book for 1st-3rd graders. You must have a cover and illustrated pages with sentences to retell the main idea of the story. The length of your handwritten book must be at least 12 pages.
- **WRITE THE DIARY A MAIN CHARACTER MIGHT HAVE WRITTEN.** Imagine you are the person in your book. Write a **14-day diary** as if you were the main character of the book. In your daily entries include at least one illustration as well as your feelings about what is happening to you (as the main character). You may use the cover of your diary for an illustration, or you may decorate it as if it were a real diary. Your diary can have pictures that you draw. You should have a page for each diary entry, and each entry should be at least 5 sentences long.
- **PRETEND YOU ARE A REPORTER FOR A NEWSPAPER.** Based on the book that you choose, create a newspaper with four-five articles, advertisements and illustrations. The articles can be different topics. Ideas for articles include: crime, personal interest interviews, sports, weather, and international. All the stories in your newspaper will be directly related to your book. The title of the newspaper should be something appropriate to the book. You can use your personal review as an editorial in your paper. In the rest of the paper, include your required story elements along with events from the book. Your newspaper must be a minimum of two (2) pages. **The design should look like a newspaper.**

Project Details:

Each project must include the information listed below **either within the project or separately:**

- a. **Title and author**
- b. **Main character information - A brief description of character such as looks and character traits/personality**
- c. **Setting**
- d. **Plot/Resolution** (What was the main problem/plan/story line/scheme of the story and how it was resolved?)
- e. **Personal review of the book.** (Include likes and dislikes with reasons for both, what you learned from the book, how you connected to the characters, would you recommend this book (why or why not)?) This should be a minimum of 3 paragraphs. **MAKE SURE YOU USE QUOTES FROM THE BOOK TO SUPPORT YOUR THOUGHTS IN THE REVIEW.**
- f. **Your name must be clearly visible on the project!**
- g. **It must be presented in FINAL format (CARD STOCK). Spelling, punctuation, and sentence and paragraph structure must be correct.**
- h. **Boarders must be included on book reviews.**
- i. **All pictures are hand drawn. No pictures may be printed from the internet.**

EXTRA CREDIT

For the ***BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE*** choose one of the above projects instead of the book review.

These projects will be due on the first day of school. Late projects will be downgraded one letter grade.