

# Seventh Grade Summer Reading 2023

Mrs. Ellzey -honors and standard

## Honors:

Book 1- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien

ISBN# 9780618260300

Clarion Books

Book 2- Holes by Louis Sachar

ISBN# 9780440414803

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## Assignments:

1. Write a 5 paragraph essay considering the following prompt. The essay should be well organized, double spaced, typed, and printed out with a minimum of 250 words.
  - *In the action of **The Hobbit**, Bilbo changes from being a soft and timid hobbit to being a character of wisdom and courage. Several key events and incidents go towards changing and developing him. Identify at least three of these "turning points" and explore each one. For each "turning point," explain what the turning point was and how it changed Bilbo in some way, or how it marked a milestone in Bilbo's development.*
2. A "theme" is a lesson learned or message that a story teaches the reader. It can be stated as a one sentence thematic statement that sums up the message or lesson of the story. Draw and color a picture that represents a theme in **Holes** showing creativity and effort. Somewhere on the same paper, the student should write a thematic statement that the picture is illustrating.

**Examples:** a) Instead of listing "trust" as a theme, it should be turned into a thematic statement. "A person should learn to trust himself and others."

b) Instead of listing "power" as a theme, it should be a thematic statement. "Power, if abused, can be harmful."

**Standard:**

**Book 1- The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien**

ISBN# 9780618260300

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**Book 2- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander**

ISBN# 9780544935204

Clarion Books

**Assignments:**

1. Write an essay considering the following prompt. The essay should be organized, double spaced, typed, and printed with a minimum of 250 words.
  - *Bilbo changes throughout the novel. Discuss one of the ways he changes as a character?*
2. A "theme" is a lesson learned or message that a story teaches the reader. It can be stated as a one sentence thematic statement that sums up the message or lesson of the story. Draw and color a picture that represents a theme in **The Crossover** showing creativity and effort. Somewhere on the same paper, the student should write a thematic statement that the picture is illustrating.

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I hope that each of you enjoy your summer break and reading these fantastic books. Be prepared to engage in meaningful discussions for each when you return for seventh grade. I am already looking forward to getting to know you and watching your growth as a seventh grader.

Happy Reading!

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