



Summer Reading

Entering Seventh Grade



Required Books: *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi Wortis, **PLUS** an additional fiction novel of your choice

Due Date: First day of seventh grade

Directions: To complete your summer project, please pay close attention to the instructions that follow. You will have an opportunity to showcase your knowledge of the story during the first week of school by writing an in-class essay.

Your **HEADING** should include your first and last name, the date that you completed your project, and the words “Entering 7th Grade” in the upper left hand corner of your paper. No report covers needed. Just staple your report in the upper left hand corner.

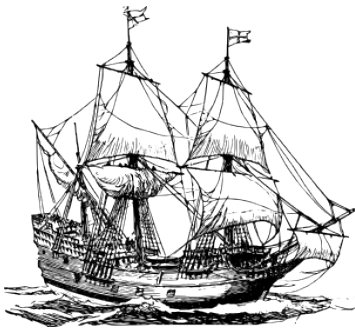
Your **REPORT** should be divided into two parts. Write/Label each part on a different page.

Part I Free choice book: This summer’s reading assignment consists of two parts. The first is a free choice fiction novel. Criteria within “free choice” includes: the novel must be fiction, appropriate to 7th grade reading level, and be no shorter than 125 pages. After reading the choice novel, complete the following assignment. Summarizing key events is an important reading and writing skill. (CCSS RL.6.2) As you read *the book of your choice*, think about how you would summarize the novel to a friend. Write 3-5 sentences that summarize the **beginning** of the story, 3-5 sentences that summarize events in the **middle**, and 3-5 sentences that summarize the **end** of the story. The summary writing should also include a thesis and conclusion statement.

Part II True Confessions of C. Doyle:

A. Characters: Make a list of **8-10** important characters. In a sentence or two, describe each character. Focus on the character’s role and traits. Please note that your descriptions should be in complete sentences.

B. Application: Write a two-chunk paragraph describing two positive decisions Charlotte makes that impact her voyage. Use strong transition words, remembering N2SSWTSW. Students new to MCS, please write an eight-sentence paragraph using the following format:



Topic Sentence
 Concrete Detail- one decision
 Commentary
 Commentary
 Concrete Detail- another decision
 Commentary
 Commentary
 Conclusion Sentence

The CMs should explain the impact of her decision.

1. Your summer reading project should be typed and double-spaced throughout. Use MLA format. If you do not have access to a computer over the summer, you may neatly handwrite your report, using only one side of the paper. Skip lines and use blue or black ink, checking thoroughly for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors.
2. Please bring your completed project on the first day of school. Late assignments will negatively affect your grade. You may keep your book for highlighting and notes.

Bonus: (Up to 2 points)

For 1-2 bonus points, please submit a picture of yourself and your summer reading book in a unique location. You and the book should be clearly visible. The picture should be attached with a paper clip to the last page of the report. Your creativity will determine the number of extra credit points you will receive. Please, *no bathing suit* photos.

Summer Reading Evaluation

Name _____ Class 7- _____ Date: The first day of school

Part I FREE CHOICE NOVEL (15 points)

Summarizing Key Events 15 14 13 12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

- Wrote summaries of the beginning, middle, and end of the story
- Sentences illustrate the main events in each section
- Summaries are 3-5 sentences in length
- Inclusion of thesis and conclusion statements.

Part II A and B CHARLOTTE DOYLE (20 points)

CHARACTERS 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

- List of 8-10 important characters
- Descriptions include each character's role and traits
- Descriptions are 1-2 sentences
- WRITTEN IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

PARAGRAPH 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

- Written using the 2-chunk method: TS, CD, CM, CM, CD, CM, CM, CS
(students new to MCS should write an 8 sentence paragraph using facts and supporting comments)
- CDs are two **POSITIVE** decisions Charlotte makes that impact her voyage
- The CMs **explain** the impact of her decision (how it positively affects her voyage)
- Contains a topic sentence and a conclusion sentence

Mechanics and Format (5 points)

- Typed or written in cursive
- Double-spaced, indented paragraph
- 12 pt. font, Times New Roman
- CUPS: Capitalization, Usage (grammar), Punctuation, Spelling checked
- No Run-ons or Sentence Fragments

TOTAL POINTS _____/40 + extra credit _____ = _____/40

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