

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT  
SIXTH GRADE 2022

READING

Read at least **THREE** books of your choice this summer.  
Complete a 3x5 card (example below) for each book.

Your first and last name

Title of the book

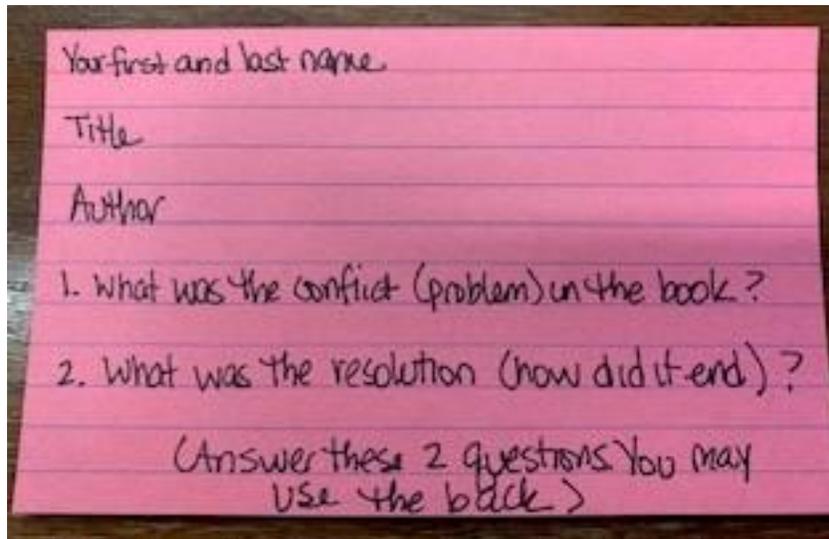
Author of the book

Answer the following two questions. You can use the back of the card too.

1. What was the conflict (problem) in the book?
2. What was the resolution (how did it end)?

These will be collected at the start of the year. In addition, at the start of the school year, you need to reference the books in your first writing assignment.

If you are looking for suggestions, look at the Summer Reading List.



WRITING

Make an 'All About Me' Poster

ALL ABOUT ME is a visual representation of who you are as a way to introduce yourself to the class. This poster project can be completed on regular-sized paper (8.5 x 11) or slightly larger paper or paperboard if you prefer. Any color paper can

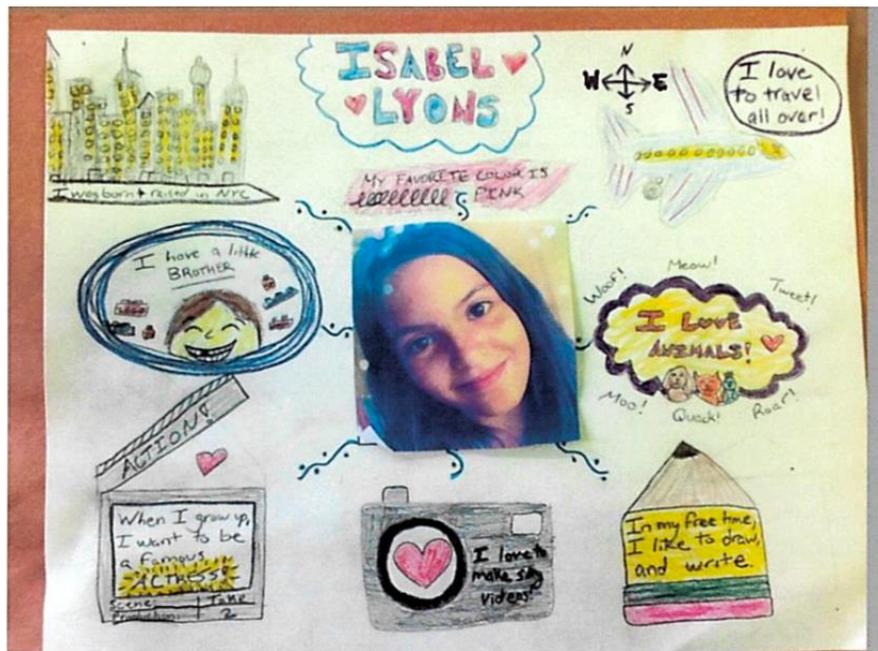
be used, and we encourage you to be creative. In the center of your poster there should be a picture of you with your name (first and last, or just last), and around that picture, at least 5 pieces of information about you, in both picture and sentence format (just one sentence is required per idea, but you could certainly write more). We encourage you to be as open and honest as you like and be as creative as you like (you can make parts of it 3-D, paste objects you like onto it, or just write it all in markers or pen). But remember, the Main Idea or centerpiece of the poster is your picture and your name, so those should be easy to read.

An example of an ALL ABOUT ME poster is included below, and the requirements that need to be followed are these:

#### REQUIREMENTS:

1. 8.5x11 paper (any color) or slightly larger
2. A recent (or at least clearly identifiable) picture of yourself
3. Your full name or just last name
4. At least 5 sentences about yourself, with an accompanying image (which can be drawn or printed-out, 2-D or 3-D)
5. Proper spelling and grammar for all text

#### EXAMPLE:



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| Title                                       | Author           | Themes                                                                                       | Grade Level 5.5-6.0 | Grade Level 6.5 - 7.0 | Grade Level 7.5 - 8.0 | Grade Level 8.5 - 9.0 | Grade Level 9.5 - up<br>*Parental Guidance suggested | Parental Guidance Suggested |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| The Color of My Words                       | Lynn Joseph      | poverty/ creativity/ writing/ dreams/ goals/ escape                                          |                     | X                     |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| Wild Robot                                  | Peter Brown      | teamwork/ROBOT/ shipwreck/ island/ survival / tech/ / animals/ loyalty                       |                     | X                     |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| Mercy Suarez Changes Gears                  | Meg Medina       | Private school / low income/ family/ friends/ grandpa's dementia                             | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| Enchanted Air - Two Cultures, Two Wings     | Margarita Engle  | novel in verse/ MEMOIR/ Cuban American-2 families/ belonging/ fear/ hope                     | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| Year of the Dog                             | Grace Lin        | Chinese American family/ fitting in/ stories/ talents/ new friends                           | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| The Invention of Hugo Cabaret               | Brian Selznick   | Mystery/ Paris/ orphan/ secrets/ toy booth/ train station                                    |                     | X                     |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| The Benefits of Being an Octopus            | Ann Braden       | dysfunctional home life/ special teacher/ love / hope / healing                              |                     | X                     |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| The Great Pet Heist                         | Emily Ecton      | Funny /apt building pets/ teamwork/ skill sets/ protection                                   | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| The Season of Styx Malone                   | Kekla Magoon     | summer mischief/ adventure/ brothers/ new kid/ funny/ peer pressure/ running away/ motorbike | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| WISH                                        | Barbara O'Connor | mom problems/ wishes/ dog/ fostering / love/ trust/ new home                                 |                     |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |
| Code 7 - Cracking the Code for an EPIC Life | Bryan R Johnson  | 7 kids- each has a story/ parents/ expectations/ rules / \$/ games/ goals / determination    | X                   |                       |                       |                       |                                                      |                             |

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| The Lost Girl                              | Anne Ursu            | identical twins/ magic/ mystery/ monsters/ female empowerment                                                               |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| Song for a Whale                           | Lynne Kelly          | Hearing impaired/ tech genius/ communication/ bonding/ lonely whale                                                         |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| Who was Leonardo daVinci                   | Roberta Edwards      | NON FICTION - artist /musician /scientist /inventor                                                                         |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| How to Look for a Lost Dog                 | Ann M. Martin        | autism / service dog in school / overwhelmed dad/ fun uncle                                                                 | X |   |  |   |  |  |
| Reaching for the Moon                      | Katherine Johnson    | autobiography - NASA / math / civil rights                                                                                  | X |   |  |   |  |  |
| Front Desk                                 | Kelly Yang           | immigrant parents/ motel living / secrets/ hiding others/ courage/ kindness/ work after school                              |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| Looking for Me .. In This Great Big Family | Betsy R. Rosenthal   | huge family / immigrants/ religion / culture/ food / special teacher / middle child/ tragedy/ hope/ love / "American Dream" |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| Lily to the Rescue (series #1)             | W. Bruce Cameron     | Funny/ rescue dog rescues other pets / crow/ human mom runs animal shelter                                                  | X |   |  |   |  |  |
| Eight Keys                                 | Suzanne LaFluer      | girl lost parents/ bully/ mystery/ key/ barn/ supportive relatives/ best friend                                             |   | X |  |   |  |  |
| Hidden Figures - Young Readers' Edition    | Margot Lee Shetterly | NON FICTION - African American women mathematicians/ NASA / rocket/ Space Race/ civil rights/ women's rights                |   |   |  | X |  |  |
| Beverly Right Here                         | Kate DiCamillo       | runaway teen / problems with mom / brave/ hard worker/ community/ support/ love / tolerance                                 | X | X |  |   |  |  |
| The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano           | Sonia Manzano        | Spanish Harlem/ Puerto Rican grandma/ secrets/ protests/ based on true events                                               |   |   |  |   |  |  |

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| White Bird                   | R.J. Palacio        | Julian's grandma's story: France/ Nazi invasion/ classmates/ hiding / survival /kids /kindness                |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| The Giver - graphic novel    | Lois Lowry          | Dystopian / conformity/ emotions/ contentment/ control / sibling/ love/ memory/ risk/ danger                  |   |   | X |   |   |  |
| Free Lunch                   | Rex Ogle            | NON FICTION - poor student / wealthy school / unemployment / hunger/ hope                                     |   | X | X |   |   |  |
| A Song Below Water           | Bethany C Morrow    | Fantasy / racism / sexism/ mythology / friendship                                                             |   |   | X | X |   |  |
| Refugee                      | Alan Gratz          | survival/ betrayal/ hope/ danger/ escape/ journey/ home                                                       |   | X |   | X |   |  |
| Other Words for Home         | Jasmine Warga       | Syria/ revolution/ escape/ USA/ family divided/ new school / drama/ new friends/ freedom                      |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| The Prettiest                | Brigit Young        | puberty/ competition/ jealousy/ flirting/ superficiality/ discomfort/ female empowerment/                     | X | X |   |   |   |  |
| Becoming Briana              | Terri Libenson      | school activities/ bat mitzvah/ pressure/ responsibility/ coming of age/ friends/ family                      |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| Hey Kiddo                    | Jarret J. Krosoczka | mom's addiction/ dad gone / kid artist / raised by grandparents/ loud house/ facing truth/ survival / success |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Be Prepared                  | Vera Brosgol        | funny/ fitting in/ \$ issues/ Russian American / Russian sleep away camp/ "cool girl" drama                   | X | X |   | X | X |  |
| Amari and the Night Brothers | B.B. Alston         | evil magician/ supernatural talents/ missing brother/ fairies/ aliens/ secret training                        |   |   | X | X |   |  |

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| The List of Things That Will Not Change            | Rebecca Stead        | divorce/ stepsister/ 2 dads / mom / love / stability/ friendships                                                                     |   | X |   |   |   |  |
| Better Nate than Ever                              | Tim Federle          | New to NYC to be on Broadway/ auditions/ acting/ singing/ dancing/ not giving up/ funny/ hopeful                                      |   |   | X | X |   |  |
| Flying Lessons and Other Stories                   | Ellen Oh             | Short stories/ best authors/ kids/ life/ successes/ failures/ art/ freindship/ sports/ love                                           |   | X | X | X |   |  |
| The Nighth Diary                                   | Veera Hiranandani    | India independence from Britain / Pakistan/ religions/ refugees/ family split / love/ hope /                                          | X | X | X |   |   |  |
| New Kid                                            | Jerry Craft          | Washington Heights NYC/ kid artist/ private school/ differences/ fitting in/ neighborhood                                             | X | X | X |   |   |  |
| Genesis Begins Again                               | Alicia D. Williams   | alcoholism/ eviction/ tough girl bullies/ loneliness/ strong mom / self esteem issues/ issues about race/ fitting in/ self acceptance |   |   | X | X |   |  |
| It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime (Young Readers' Ed) | Trevor Noah          | MEMOIR/ poverty/ violence/ determination/ love/ apartheid/ family/ strength/ spirit/ sadness/ humor                                   |   | X | X |   |   |  |
| Pet                                                | Akwaeke Emezi        | LBGTQ / child abuse/ fantasy / profanity/ truth/ police / gun control / oppression /revolution                                        |   |   |   | X | X |  |
| Ghost Boys                                         | Jewell Parker Rhodes | young boys / different times in history / death/ ghosts / violence/ racism / hope / love / truth/ empathy/ judgement                  |   |   |   | X | X |  |
| The Line Tender                                    | Kate Allen           | shark / death/ conservation / loss of mom/ resilience/ protection/ best friends/ community/ love/ sea and Earth                       |   | X | X | X |   |  |

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| Maybe He Just Likes You                  | Barbara Dee                 | boys harrassing girl / discomfort/ adult's judgement/ speaking up/ trusting feelings/                                            |   |   | X | X | X |   |
| Will Grayson, Will Grayson               | John Green & David Levithan | LBGTQ boys/ feelings/ high school drama / musical/ songwriting/ alternate voices/ confusion/ best friends/                       |   |   |   | X | X |   |
| The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing | M.T. Anderson               | pre-revolutionary Boston/ slavery / government experiments/ humanity/ patriotism/ justice/ liberty/ society                      |   |   |   |   |   | X |
| Look Both Ways                           | Jason Reynolds              | middle school kids / 10 short stories / 1 day / originals/problems/ pain/ joy/ fun/ needs/ gross teen humor/ "weirdness"/ wonder |   |   | X | X |   |   |
| The Running Dream                        | Wendelin Van Draanen        | athlete/ competition/ car accident/ death/ injury/determination/ hope/ friends/ fundraising/ inspiration/ teamwork               |   |   |   | X | X | X |
| BOMB                                     | Steve Sheinkin              | NON FICTION - the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon                                                      |   |   |   | X | X | X |
| The Wisdom of Wolves                     | Jim and Jaime Dutcher       | NON FICTION curiosity /compassion/ wild wolfpacks/ value system/ connections b/t human & animal world/ family                    |   |   |   | X |   |   |
| No Summit out of Sight                   | Jordan Romero               | NON FICTION - youngest to ever climb the tallest mountains / 7 continents / Mt. Everest at 13 yrs old/ frustration/ triumph      |   |   | X | X |   |   |
| Beastly Brains                           | Nancy Castaldo              | NON FICTION - animals "talk", think, and feel/ photos/ examples                                                                  | X | X | X |   |   |   |
| Roses and Radicals                       | Susan Zimet &               | NON FICTION - seventy years of fighting for women's                                                                              | X | X |   |   |   |   |

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|                          | Todd Hasak-Lowy            | right to vote/ The women who made it happen                                                                             |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| Phinneas Gage            | John Fleischman            | NON FICTION - construction accident/ hole in the head/ survival but changed personality/ studied by scientists          |   | X | X | X |   |  |
| In the Shadow of Liberty | Kenneth C. Davis           | NON FICTION - slaves owned by 4 presidents/ slavery and the founding of America                                         |   |   |   | X | X |  |
| Girl Code                | Andrea Gonzalez            | NON FICTION - gaming/ going viral / 2 tech start up teens create a game / fame/ social issues/ anxiety / self worth     |   |   | X | X |   |  |
| Dragon Hoops             | Gene Luen Yang             | basketball / courage/ teachers/ coaches/ California/ kids change adults                                                 |   |   |   | X | X |  |
| Older than Dirt          | Don Brown & Michael Perfit | NON FICTION - wild changes of Earth / comic format / Big Bang and present day                                           | X | X | X |   |   |  |
| Code Talker              | Joseph Bruchac             | - Marines / WWII / Navajo teen / messages in code/ based on true story/ prejudice / war/ patriotism/ bravery/ integrity |   |   | X | X | X |  |
| Primates                 | Jim Ottaviani              | NON FICTION - graphic novel format /human-primate behavior/ Goodall, Fossey,Galdikas/ science nudity                    |   | X | X |   |   |  |
| The Eagle Huntress       | Aisholpan Nurgaiv          | NON FICTION - Mongolia / first girl to win hunt with her trained eagle/ supportive dad/ determination /survival/ power  | X | X | X |   |   |  |
| Spooked!                 | Gail Jarrow                | NON FICTION - 1938 radio broadcast/ Americans believed martians had invaded Earth/ fake news                            |   |   | X | X | X |  |

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| Undefeated                                | Steve Sheinkin                  | NON FICTION - football/ Jim Thorpe/ boarding schools/ Native American culture/ football history/rules / plays         |  |   | X | X | X |   |
| The Girl Who Owned a City (graphic novel) | O.T. Nelson & Joelle Jones      | PARENT approval ***no adults/ virus/ kids run wild/ gangs/ hunger/ girl hero/ protection/ safety/ secret/ hiding      |  | X | X | X |   |   |
| Everthing Sad is Untrue                   | Daniel Nayeri                   | MEMOIR - strong mom / Persian- Iran/ refugee / middle school / myths/ tornadoes/ "gross" teen humor/ family/ religion |  |   |   | X | X | X |
| Nala's World                              | Dean Nicholson and Gary Jenkins | MEMOIR - photos / youtube star/ man bikes around the world with his rescued BFF - Nala, the cat                       |  |   |   | X | X |   |