7th Grade

Summer

Reading
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Language Arts / Literacy

Grade 7

Student Requirements

Part 1

Choice Novel

Choose ONE fiction novel to read from the attached list. Complete an Accelerated Reader test on the selected book. Hand in the TOPS report to your teacher during class time once you have completed the AR reading assessment.

Part 2:

Required Non-Fiction Novel

_Terezin_ by Ruth Thomson

Read the required non-fiction novel _Terezin_ by Ruth Thomson. Complete an Accelerated Reader test on the selected book. Hand in the TOPS report to your teacher during class time once you have completed the AR reading assessment.

_Terezin_ Writing Task:

Using the informational background you have read in this book, pretend to be a prisoner in _Terezin_. Remember to refer to the information written on the nearby pages to base your writing on facts from the book.

Select a photograph or piece of artwork from any of the following pages to write a first person narrative about what you are feeling and experiencing while the events in the picture are taking place. Be sure to reference the picture explanation provided on the pages to assist you in developing your story.
Writing Task Requirements

* Paper Must Be Typed
* 12 pt. font
* Double Spaced
* Times New Roman

Select ONE of the following 20 photographs for your writing:

- A Transport Has Arrived Page 14
- Life in Terezin Page 17
- Bunk Beds Page 21
- Metamorphosis Page 23
- Splitting Mica Page 25
- Gardening Page 26
- A Hospital in Terezin Page 29
- Ready For a Transport Page 31
- Transport to the East Page 33
- Funeral Wagon with Corpses Page 36
- A Transport Leaves the Ghetto Page 37
- Seder Page 40
- Collage Page 40
- A Performance in a Dormitory Page 43
- Entertainment in the Courtyard Page 45
- A Potemkin Village Page 46
Fiction:
When they realize that their current home is most likely to be destroyed, a band of wild rabbits embarks on a journey to find a new place to live in a mysterious land known as Watership Down. It is in this place that they hope to create a perfect society.

Thirteen-year-old center Steve Crandall is abducted by a "fan" and forced to become a member of a professional junior hockey team. He quickly realizes that he must play to survive, as well as to win.

Cleary, Beverly, *Dear Mr. Henshaw.*
In his diary and in correspondence with his favorite author, Mr. Henshaw, sixth grader Leigh relates details of his school life and his relationship with his truck driving father while developing writing skills.

When thirteen-year-old Brady makes a horrible suggestion as a joke, his best friends actually carry out his suggestion, and ultimately cause a tragedy. Brady wrestles with his conscience until the secrets he has been carrying literally burst out of him. He has no choice but to do the right thing. Will he be forgiven by his parents and friends?

Danzinger, Paula. *This Place Has No Atmosphere.*
Fifteen-year-old Aurora loves her life on Earth in the twenty-first century, until she learns that her family is moving to the new colony on the moon.

Denenberg, Barry. *So Far From Home. Dear America* Series. (Read other great titles in the *Dear America* Series and learn about history through the diaries of interesting characters.)
In the diary account of her journey from Ireland and her work in a mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, fourteen-year-old Mary reveals a great longing for her family.

DuPrau, Jeanne. *City of Ember.*
Twelve-year-old Lina and her friend Doon Harrow trade jobs on Assignment Day hoping to decode a secret message and save the city of Ember from decay.
Best friends Ouchie and Squisty, who love bowling and horror movies, meet the eccentric owner of a local bowling alley and try to help save Bowl-A-Rama from the wrecking ball and a destructive lunatic.

Using his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, but he experiences changes he never dreamed would happen.

Hobbs, Will. *Far North.*
After their floatplane is destroyed, sixteen-year-old Gabe and his friend Raymond struggle to survive in the wilderness of the Northwest Territories of Canada during the winter.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Point Blanc*
Investigations into the "accidental" deaths of two of the world's most powerful men have revealed just one link: both had a son attending Point Blanc Academy. Armed only with a false ID and a new collection of brilliantly disguised gadgets, Alex Rider must infiltrate the academy as a pupil and establish the truth about what is really happening there.

Korman, Gordon. *Schooled.*
Capricorn Anderson had never watched a television show before. He'd never tasted a pizza. And he had never, in his wildest dreams, thought of living anywhere but Garland Farm commune with his hippie caretaker, Rain.

Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team.*
When twelve-year-old Danny Walker is cut from the travel team, he is crushed. How can he be too short to follow in his father's footsteps? Danny and his pals have a plan. Will forming their own team get the respect they deserve?

Mia appears to be the most normal kid in her family, but Mia knows that she is far from ordinary. She is hiding something from everyone--sounds, numbers and letters have color for her.

Mikaelson, Ben. *Stranded.*
Koby, a twelve-year-old girl who has lost a foot in an accident, tries to rescue two pilot whales, a mother and her calf, near her home in the Florida Keys.
Paulsen, Gary. *Soldier's Heart.*
When fifteen-year-old Charley enlists in the Union Army, he expects great adventure. But after one battle, Charley learns the realities of war and is changed forever.

Shusterman, Neal. *The Dark Side of Nowhere.*
Fourteen-year-old Jason realizes that his boring normal life is about to change drastically. As he discovers that he and his friends are not what they appear; he struggles with exactly what it means to be human.

Sonnenblick, Jordan. *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*
Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece.

Spinelli, Jerry. *There's a Girl in My Hammerlock.*
Maisie is willing to do anything to be near Eric. Since he is a member of the wrestling team, she decides to join as well. Everyone opposes her decision, including her friends, the team, and members of her community. Is being on the team to be near Eric worth it?

Ullman, James Ramsey. *Banner in the Sky*
A boy feels compelled to conquer the mountain that caused his father's death.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. *Flipped.*
In alternating chapters, Juli Baker and Bryce Laski, who have been neighbors since second grade, describe their lives together as they grow from a casual friendship to a budding eighth grade relationship.

In 1945, Stephen moved to a top-secret military base in Los Alamos, New Mexico. His father, a famous physicist, is working on a project that is top secret. Stephen, however, is determined to discover the true nature of the gadget.
Nonfiction:

Freedman, Russell. *Immigrant Kids.*
During the late 1800s and 1900s, immigrant kids worked all kinds of jobs. They sold newspapers, delivered goods, hauled firewood, and labored in sweatshops. When they had time to be children, they played baseball, tagged after vendors, and fought gangs. They gained a taste of the wonderful freedom that their parents had come to America to find.

Jiang, Ji Li. *Red Scarf Girl.*
Ji-Li recounts the story of her hardships and survival during the Chinese Cultural Revolution, including living in fear of arrest and being considered an outcast by neighbors.

Kahl, Jonathan D. *Storm Warning.*
This informational book examines how and where tornadoes and hurricanes begin, and the damage they cause. It also contains instructions on how to make a tornado at home.

Murphy, Jim. *An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793.*
It's 1793, and there's an invisible killer roaming the streets of Philadelphia. The killer's name is yellow fever, but everything about it is a mystery.

Every variety of foul weather is covered in this colorful informational book. Helpful information, full color photographs, and large type make scientific information accessible and fun to read. It includes a glossary, experiments, and even a short story.

Yates, Elizabeth. *Amos Fortune, Free Man.*
Amos Fortune was an eighteenth-century African prince who, after being captured by slave traders, was brought to Massachusetts where he was a slave until he bought his freedom when he was sixty.

Assorted titles: Anything by the following authors is appropriate:

**Mike Lupica** Many titles involve sports, baseball being one of his favorites.

**Walter Dean Myers** Also includes several stories involving sports and issues important to young people.

**Richard Peck** These titles include friendship, mystery, family relationships and problems, humor and typical teenage issues

**Scott O'Dell, Lois Lowry, Patricia Reilly Giff, Esther Forbes, Wendy Mass, Anthony Horowitz, Madeleine L'Engle and Cynthia Rylant** are appropriate author choices as well.

YOU MAY ALSO CONTINUE IN *The Lightning Thief* SERIES or *The Lost Hero* SERIES.