



The Master's Academy
Middle School
Summer Reading
2021





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Dear Parents,

The Master's Academy Summer Reading Program in 6th - 8th grade has been designed to connect students with an engaging, entertaining and enriching reading experience. Summer reading is a valuable practice for all students and an important extension of our educational program. Reading a variety of literature will enable students to learn, explore, and discuss new ideas with others.

All students including those who are new to The Master's Academy are **required** to complete the summer reading assignment. The reading process is best accomplished over the course of the summer, not in the final days before school starts. Procrastination can be the biggest challenge and source of frustration. **Each grade has a specific reading assignment due Monday, August 23rd and the students will take the summer reading objective test for comprehension on Friday, August 27th.**


It will be expected that students will be able to participate fully in classroom activities and discussions about the summer reading. Please carefully review the information included in this packet. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Odalis Morales 954-434-2960 or email her at omorales@themastersacademy.org

Mrs. Odalis Morales
Librarian

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Principal

Students are **required** to read the specified book listed below for 6th- 8th grades. Additionally, following the completion of the required reading, each student will need to complete the *Middle School Assignment* that will guide and prepare the student for class discussion and activities about the book. **The written assignment is due Monday, August 23rd. An objective test for reading comprehension will be administered in English classes on Friday, August 27th.**

**6th- 8th Grade
Required Reading**

<p>Rising 6th Grader</p> <p><i>Hatchet</i></p> <p>Author: Gary Paulsen</p> <p>ISBN-13: 9781416936473</p> 	<p>Rising 7th Grader</p> <p>Brian's Winter</p> <p>Author: Gary Paulsen</p> <p>ISBN-13: 9780307929587</p> 
<p>Rising 8th Grader</p> <p><i>The Hobbit</i></p> <p>Author: J.R.R. Tolkien</p> <p>ISBN 13: 9780345339683</p> 	<p>Enjoy the reading!</p>

Middle School Required Reading Assignment

Read the required novel for the grade level and write a **one page handwritten** essay on **ONE** of the following topics (**only choose one**). Be sure to indicate somewhere in your first paragraph which topic you have chosen:

1. Review the book. Give your opinions, cite examples and quotes from the book to support why you think it is an interesting book or not. In your last paragraph, write whether or not you would recommend it to a friend and why. Divide your essay into 3 paragraphs.
2. Write about the main problem or conflict in the book. Who is involved and what is it about? Be sure to make your last paragraph your conclusion.
3. Choose a main character from your book and tell the story from his or her perspective as if you are writing a journal entry by that character. Assume the role and write in first person. For example: *My name is John Smith and I want to tell you about the summer of my 8th grade year.*

****Important:** Please do not simply summarize the novel. Your teacher will want to read your thoughts and ideas, and you will need to support these ideas with examples, plot summary, or events from the novel which will provide proof that you did read the whole book. If you choose number 3, then give thoughts and perspectives from the character's point of view concerning major events in the story just as you would if you were writing in your own diary.

Due Dates:

Your essay is due on Monday, August 23rd. If you are a new student and receive this assignment after July 31st, then you will be given 2-4 extra weeks into the school year to complete the work.

Objective Test will be administered on Friday, August 27th in English class.

Recommended Reading List 2021

Rising 6th Grader

Required: *Hatchet* Author: Gary Paulsen

Recommended for additional reading:

Anne of Green Gables Series by Lucy M. Montgomery

The Black Stallion Returns by Walter Farley

By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder

My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara

Cooper Kids Adventure Series by Frank Peretti

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Julie of the Wolves by Jean C. George

The Dream Traveler's Quest Series by Ted Dekker

Rising 7th Grader

Required: *Brian's Winter* Author: Gary Paulsen

Recommended for additional reading:

The Book of the King by Jerry Jenkins

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

White Fang by Jack London

Redwall Series by Brian Jacques

The Time Machine by H. G. Wells

The Guardian Angel Series by Sigmund Brouwer

Heat by Mike Lupita

Rising 8th Grader

Required: *The Hobbit* Author: J. R. R. Tolkien

Recommended for additional reading:

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Three by Tedd Dekker

Messenger by Lois Lowry

Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson

Pilgrim's Progress by Gary D. Schmidt

Showdown by Ted Dekker

Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps by Andrea Warren

Lord of the Flies by William Golding