

## 2024 Summer Reading Grade 7

Ms. Gue

### **Overview:**

Through recent years, the advances in technology have lured our students away from the simple pleasure of reading. With one click the world seems to be at their fingertips, and gratification is instantaneous. Reading a book, however, requires time and focus and its rewards are not immediate. Reading comprehension skills are built up over the years and greatly affect the student's progress through all grade levels and subject areas. Additionally, reading is the best way to increase one's vocabulary. For these reasons, we ask that our students do some reading over the summer months by requiring 2 books to be read.

### **Required Reading :**

REFUGEE - Alan Gratz (\* see parent verification form)

### **Choose a second book from the following list:**

When Stars Are Scattered - Omar Mohamed (graphic novel)

Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan

Shooting Kabul - N.H. Senzai

The Crossing - Gary Paulsen

Front Desk - Kelly Yang

### **Assessment:**

The historical novel Refugee follows the stories of 3 refugee children living in 3 different countries and at 3 different points in time. It is my hope that students will gain understanding of the experiences of refugees including their personal struggles, and

their sacrifices. I also hope that students will begin to realize the traumatic impact of global events such as war.

Students are to choose one of the 3 main characters in Refugee. I suggest that the student choose the character with whom they feel the greatest empathy (compassion). Students are to complete and type a summary of this character's story tracing it from beginning to end. This summary should be about 10 sentences in length.

Following the summary, the student will write a 6 sentence paragraph explaining why he/she felt a connection to the character. In the paragraph, the student will assess how well the character handled the stresses and struggles of their journey.

SUMMER READING PARENT VERIFICATION FORM  
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My child \_\_\_\_\_ has completed the required reading of REFUGEE. He/she has also read the second book \_\_\_\_\_ . My student will submit the required written assignment as requested in a timely manner. I understand that ELA classes for the first week(s) of school will focus on summer reading and that my student will be expected to participate in any/ all related assessments and activities.

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_