

T.W. Hunter Middle School
6th Grade Summer Reading: Fall 2019

To prepare our students for the rigor of 6th grade, all students are required to read at least one book this summer. Students may choose either a Fiction or Nonfiction book from the list below.

At the beginning of 6th grade, students will be required to submit one assignment from each of the columns on the “Buccaneer Book Study” (attached). The book and assignment should be completed by **August 23, 2019**.

Fiction

Title	Synopsis	Genre	Level
<i>The Fourteenth Goldfish</i> - Jennifer L. Holm	Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses her old life. She misses her best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He’s bossy. He’s cranky. And weirdly enough...he looks a lot like Ellie’s grandfather, a scientist who’s always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth?	Science Fiction	Lexile: 550L Grade Level Equivalent – 4.1
<i>Serafina and the Black Cloak</i> - Robert Beatty	Serafina has never had a reason to disobey her Pa and venture beyond the grounds of the Biltmore estate. There’s plenty to explore in her grand home, although she must take care to never be seen. None of the rich folk upstairs know that Serafina exists; she and her Pa, the estate’s maintenance man, have secretly lived in the basement for as long as Serafina can remember. But when children at the estate start disappearing, only Serafina knows who the culprit is: a terrifying man in a black cloak who stalks Biltmore’s corridors at night.	Historical Fiction	Lexile: 850L Grade Level Equivalent – 5.5
<i>The Crossover</i> - Kwame Alexander	“With a bolt of lightning on my kicks...The court is sizzling. My sweat is drizzling. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I’m delivering,” announces dread-locked, 12-year-old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother, Jordan, are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he’s got mad beats, too.	Realistic Fiction	Lexile: 670L Grade Level Equivalent – 4.3
<i>The Red Pyramid</i> - Rick Riordan	Since their mother's death, Carter and Sadie have become near strangers. While Sadie has lived with her grandparents in London, her brother has traveled the world with their father, the brilliant Egyptologist, Dr. Julius Kane. One night, Dr. Kane brings the siblings together for a research experiment at the British Museum, where he hopes to set things right for his family. Instead, he unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes him to oblivion and forces the children to flee for their lives.	Fiction (Mythology)	Lexile: 650L Grade Level Equivalent- 6-8
<i>The Bronze Bow</i> - Elizabeth Speare	A young Jewish rebel is filled with hatred for the Romans and a desire to avenge his parents' deaths until Jesus teaches him love and understanding of others.	Historical Fiction	Lexile: 760L Grade Level Equivalent – 6-8

Nonfiction

Title	Synopsis	Genre	Level
<p><i>Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson: Against All Odds</i> - Barry Denenberg</p>	<p>Man on third. Two outs. The pitcher eyes the base runner, checks for the sign. The fans in the jammed stadium hold their breath. Flapping his outstretched arms like wings, number 42 leads off again. It is September 1955, game one of the World Series, the Yankees versus the Dodgers, and Jackie Robinson is about to do the unbelievable. Attempt to steal home. To race a baseball thrown from the pitcher's mound and win! Is it possible? Yes, it is---if you are Jackie Robinson.</p>	<p>Biography</p>	<p>Lexile: 930L Grade Level Equivalent – 6.2</p>
<p><i>Boy: Tales of a Childhood</i> - Roald Dahl</p>	<p>In <i>Boy</i>, Roald Dahl tells the story of his adventures and misadventures as a child: his involvement in the Great Mouse Plot of 1924; his first automobile ride, in which he nearly lost his nose; his many canings by Headmasters; and his vacations at home in Wales with his big family.</p>	<p>Autobiography</p>	<p>Lexile: 1020L Grade Level Equivalent – 6-8</p>

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BOOK STUDY

DIRECTIONS

Select **one** assignment from **each** column below. Write or type the answer to each assignment on a separate piece of paper. You may use multiple sheets of paper if necessary. Be sure to label each answer with the assignment's column and row. For example, if you were to do the assignment located in the top right box, you would label it 3A.



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A	Write a character sketch about an important person or character in the book.	Write three things that surprised you about the book, and explain why each surprised you.	Use two other sources to research and write a report on an issue from the book. Make sure to list the other sources that you used.
B	Create 5 possible titles for the book, and explain why these would be good titles.	Create a timeline of the major events in the book.	Describe two conflicts from the book and explain their solutions. If the conflicts were not solved, explain why a solution was unattainable.
C	Choose your favorite passage from the book. Copy it down, and explain what you found appealing about it.	Create an eight panel cartoon showing the major events from the book. Create a one to two sentence caption explaining each panel.	Write your own test. The test must be at least ten questions with a combination of matching, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay.
D	Create a one-page script for a play based on the book.	Find and copy an example from the book that shows each of the following: curiosity, fear, determination, surprise, confusion, elation, disgust	Compare and contrast this book with another book you have read. You should write at least two paragraphs.
E	Top 10 List - List ten things you learned from this book.	Write a one-minute radio advertisement persuading the public why they should buy and read this book.	Create a crossword puzzle with one-word answers to questions about the book. Ten word minimum. Use question type clues.