

Seventh Grade Summer Reading for Honors Students

Congratulations! Based on your sixth grade academic performance, 2022 MAP test scores, demonstration of self-motivation, intellectual curiosity, and steadfast ownership of learning, **you have been invited to participate in the Honors 7th Grade ELA Block for the 2022-2023 school year.**

ALL SEVENTH GRADE HONORS STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO READ THREE BOOKS; HONORS STUDENTS WILL COMPLETE TWO PROJECTS ON TWO OF THE BOOKS; ADDITIONALLY, HONORS STUDENTS WILL BE TESTED ON ONE OF THE BOOKS RATHER THAN COMPLETING A THIRD PROJECT. Successful completion of the Summer Reading Projects will be part of the seventh grade ELA assessments of the 2022–2023 school year. The two projects will be collected the second week of school; class discussion, collaborative activities, and the comprehension test will follow early in the first quarter. *NOTE: If books are read early in the summer, it would be beneficial for students to review the stories again the week before school starts.*

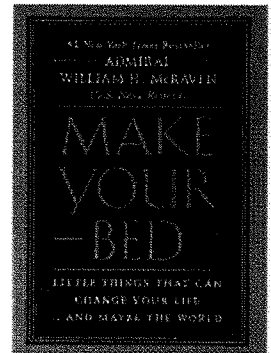
All seventh grade Honors students are required to read the following:

Make Your Bed by Admiral William H. McRaven

The project required after reading Make Your Bed is as follows:

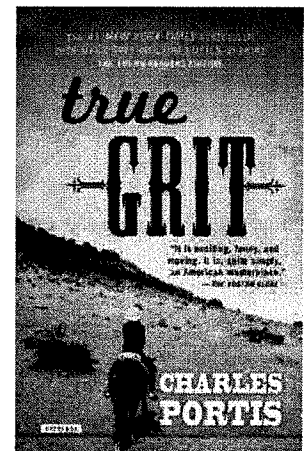
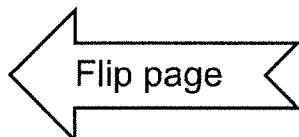
Using index cards with a metal ring holding them together (you can buy them this way OR you can buy index cards and one-hole punch them and place the ring through), **MAKE TWO CARDS PER CHAPTER:**

- Title card with your name and the book title
- Card 1 for each chapter- Copy each chapter's starting sentence that begins "If you want to change the world, then..." and draw a colored symbol on this card that reflects the chapter
- Card 2 for each chapter – How does each chapter apply to a seventh grader? (5-7 sentences explaining how each situation / life lesson is relevant in to a seventh grader)
- Citation card – Correctly cite (MLA format) this book



All seventh grade Honors students are required to read the following:

True Grit – Young Readers Edition by Charles Portis



The project required after reading True Grit – Young Readers Edition is as follows:

First, make a title slide that includes your name, the date September 2022, your Homeroom Number, and a picture of the book jacket. Next, create a 20-slide Google Slideshow or 20-slide Powerpoint presentation with ORIGINAL PHOTOS TAKEN (not clipart or Google Images) to document 10 key people, places, or items in the story. The odd number slides (1, 3, 5, 7...) should show a full-sized photo with a few words stating what the photo shows. The even numbered slides, alternating after each photo, should give a 2-3 sentence description of what the person, place, or item is in relation to the book and why it's important.

The third book is a NONFICTION SELECTION that I will provide for you: Gifted Hands – The Ben Carson Story. This is the book you will be tested on the week after Labor Day weekend. My best suggestion to you is to either read this once sometime in the summer and then review it again around the time that school starts OR wait until early August to read it so that it's "fresh in your mind" for a test. The test will be a first quarter ELA grade.

