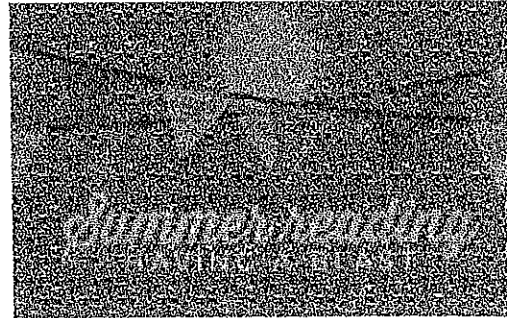


To: Incoming English 7 Students
From: The English Department
Re: Summer Reading Assignment
Date: June 2022



For summer 2022, students are asked to read a variety of short pieces using the Tic-Tac-Toe board that is featured below.

Reading must be finished by the first day of school in September. During the first week of school, students will be assessed on the reading, and the assessment will count as English grades for the first marking period.

The English Department website includes several graphic organizers and reading questions. Students should **complete ONE graphic organizer per text**. As you read, use post-its to record your thoughts/questions/observations.

Summer Reading 2022 Incoming Grade 7		
Directions: → For your summer reading, select any one row (diagonal, vertical, horizontal) that includes the center square videos which are required. → Click the title to access the digital text. Click the genre to access the audio.		
"Tuesday of the Other June" by Norma Fox Mazer (McDougal Littell grade 6)	"Nadia the Willful" by Sue Alexander (McDougal Littell grade 6)	"The School Play" by Gary Soto (McDougal Littell grade 6)
"Seventh Grade" by Gary Soto (McDougal Littell grade 7)	"What Adults Can Learn from Kids" by Adora Svitak (TED video) AND "CNN Heroes: Everyday Good Deeds" (News Video Segment) (REQUIRED)	"The Scholarship Jacket" by Marta Salinas (McDougal Littell grade 7)
"Scout's Honor" by Avi (McDougal Littell grade 6)	"The War of the Wall" By Toni Cade Bambara (McDougal Littell grade 7)	"The White Umbrella" By Gish Jen (McDougal Littell grade 7)

Since reading is an important part of learning, and the summer is a great time to read for pleasure, students are encouraged to spend some time reading for pleasure. The titles listed below are wonderful young adult novels.

**Recommended Titles for Personal Summer Reading for
Incoming Grade 7 (optional)**

- ***Pashmina* (Nidhi Chanani) graphic novel/lexile 240**
For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. But is this the real India? And what is that shadow lurking in the background?
- ***Awkward* (Svetlana Chmakova) lexile 280**
After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.
- ***Roller Girl* (Victoria Jamieson) lexile 440**
A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.
- ***The Music of Dolphins* (Karen Hesse) lexile 560**
A girl raised by dolphins records her thoughts about her reintroduction to the human world.
- ***No Fixed Address* (Susin Nielsen) lexile 620**
Twelve-year-old Felix's appearance on a television game show reveals that he and his mother have been homeless for a while, but also restores some of his faith in other people.
- ***Front Desk* (Kelly Yang) lexile 640**
After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.
- ***Rules* (Cynthia Lord) lexile 670**
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.
- ***The Shakespeare Stealer* (Gary Blackwood) lexile 840**
A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.
- ***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* (Jaqueline Kelly) lexile 830**
In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.
- ***Bad Boy: A Memoir* (Walter Dean Myers) lexile 970**
Harlem childhood in the 1940's and 1950's, a loving home life with his adopted parents, Bible school, street games, and the vitality of his neighborhood. Although Walter spent much of his time either getting into trouble or on the basketball court, secretly he was a voracious reader and an aspiring writer. But as his prospects for a successful future diminished, the values he had been taught at home, in school, and in his community seemed worthless, and he turned to the streets and his books for comfort.

Wishing you a safe summer! Happy Reading ☺