



7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Students must read *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey in preparation for their first project when they return to school. (There is no essay required for this book.) In addition they **must read** *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen and **at least two other books**, either from the list of suggested summer readings or from the 7th grade curriculum.

Students will use the following questions to guide the development of an essay on the books that they read

- What are your impressions of the main characters?
- What is the primary conflict in the story?
- Do you agree or disagree with how the conflict was resolved?
- What did find challenging about the book?
- How did you feel about reading this book?
- What surprised you about the book?
- Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?
- Can you relate to the characters?

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey (Fireside – a division of Simon and Schuster) ISBN 0-664-85609-3

Gilgamesh: A Verse Translation by Herbert Mason (Houghton Mifflin) ISBN 13-978-0-618-27564-9 or ISBN 10: 0-618-27564-9

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson (Pocket Books) ISBN 978-0-7434-5758-3 or 0-7434-5758-7

The Ch'i Lin Purse: A Collection of Chinese Stories retold by Linda Fang (A Sunburst Book—Farrar, Straus, Giroux) ISBN 13:978-0-374-41189 or ISBN 10: 0374-41189-1

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen (Puffin Books) ISBN 0-14-034535-3 or 0-14-240109-9

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card (Tor Science Fiction) ISBN: 0812550706

Ender's Game Graphic Novel by Christopher Yost (Marvel Comics) ISBN: 0785135804