

7th GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

BOOK LIST –

1. **Anne of Green Gables** by L.M. Montgomery (Fiction) At the beginning of Anne of Green Gables, Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert have decided to adopt an eleven-year-old orphan boy. Matthew is getting old and needs help around the farm, and they think a boy could both work for them and benefit from their home and care.

2. **It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood Adapted for Young Readers** (Autobiography) *Note: Please be sure to read the young readers' version and not the original version. Born under apartheid, Trevor Noah's existence was illegal. His birth was, as the title of the book suggests, a crime. As the child of a white father and a black mother under South Africa during apartheid, if he had been noticed by the authorities, they would have taken him from his family and put him... somewhere.

3. **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick (Fiction) Freak the Mighty is a young adult novel by Rodman Philbrick. Published in 1993, it was followed by the novel Max the Mighty in 1998. The primary characters are friends Maxwell Kane, a large, very slow, but kind-hearted boy, and Kevin Avery, nicknamed "Freak", who is physically handicapped but very intelligent.

4. **Gregor the Overlander** by Suzanne Collins (Fiction) A preteen boy named Gregor and his younger sister Boots are in the laundry room of their apartment when Boots falls through a grate. Gregor follows. They find themselves in a world where insects and rodents are as big as humans. They discover that there are also humans in this strange world when they are brought to the city Regalia by cockroaches. Soon the people of Regalia discover that Gregor is the "Warrior" of which the prophecy speaks. Unwillingly, Gregor discovers that he will have to make a journey.

5. **Sign of the Beaver** by Elizabeth George Speare (Historical Fiction) The Sign of the Beaver is a children's historical novel by American author Elizabeth George Speare, which has won numerous literary awards. It was published in February 1983 and has become one of her most popular works. The idea for this book came from a factual story that Elizabeth George Speare discovered in Milo, Maine, about a young boy who was left alone for a summer in the wilderness and was befriended by a Native American and his grandson.

6. **Tangerine** by Edward Bloor (Fiction) Paul is a middle schooler who is tired of everyone thinking his brother is a hero. He knows the real truth about his cruel brother. Paul is a great soccer goalie in Texas, but when his family moves to Tangerine, Florida, things begin to change a lot for Paul. He finds himself living in a lightening zone, his school falls into a sinkhole, and he ends up going to the "bad" school of the county. However, Paul makes true friends and learns what it means to be different. When his brother makes a cruel mistake, the truth about Paul's past is revealed.

7. **The Watsons Go to Birmingham** by Christopher Paul Curtis (Historical fiction) The Watsons are a loving African American family, living in the town of Flint, Michigan, in 1963. When the oldest son begins to get into a bit of trouble, the parents decide he should spend the summer and possibly the next school year with Grandma Sands in Birmingham, Alabama. The entire family travels there together by car, and during their visit, tragic events take place that affect them collectively. Although the Watson family is fictitious, the story incorporates and centers on the historically factual 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, a critical catalyst of the American civil rights movement.

7th GRADE STUDENT READING LOG

The Summer Reading Log will be due the FIRST WEEK of school.

Name _____

Students must have read the original, unabridged version of each book completely. Please list below the book you read for the Summer Reading 2022 Session.

Book - Required for ALL students

Book title _____

Author _____

Number of pages read _____ out of _____ pp.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____