

Maitland Middle School

7th Grade Summer Reading Requirements:



- Read **3** books at your appropriate Lexile range.
 - New Sunshine State book
 - Biography of a World Leader book
 - Realistic Fiction
 - Choose books you have not read before.
- Answer: **TWO (2)** reading response comprehension questions about **EACH** of the three books. Include quotations and page numbers in your answers. (Six Answers Total)
- Separate Page: Write and answer 5 questions about the Sunshine State Book. Include answers and page numbers! (Five Questions and Answers Total)

Due Dates and Grading:

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015: Reading Response: For each book read, students will answer two reading response questions. Each question and answer is worth up to 10 points, for a total of 30 points, if a student reads three books. Sunshine State book Q&A is worth up to 10 points for a grand total of 40 points for all summer reading assignments. Work turned in by this date is eligible for extra credit.

Friday, Aug. 28, 2015: Summer Reading work turned in by this date may receive full credit (40 pts.) depending on quality of the responses.

Friday, Sept. 4, 2015: Summer Reading work turned in by 4 p.m. is eligible for partial credit per teacher discretion.

**In preparation for high school, college, and career readiness, students must read closely from a broad range of high-quality and increasingly challenging literary and informational texts. Consider biographies or autobiographies of people such as Nobel Prize Winners, politicians, historical figures, and inventors. You may wish to consider the following for subjects:*

7th Grade Reading Response Assignment

The Reading Response (Total: 30 pts.) You must answer **two** of the following questions for each book, for a total of 10 responses. You may not use the same question twice!! Please include the question number in your answers. Each answer must contain at least two specific, quoted details from the novel – with page numbers – that support your response. A high-quality response with text evidence will be *at least* 5 sentences long. Responses may be neatly handwritten or typed on a computer.

Note: If a question doesn't apply to your book, don't use it! For example, *don't* choose No. 11 if you have no unanswered questions. 😊

QUESTIONS for FICTION BOOKS

1. If you could be related to a character, who would it be and why?
2. If you were to cast this book as a movie, which celebrities would portray the top characters and why?
3. Compare your book to another by the same author or of the same genre. What is similar? Different?
4. Did the actions of the characters seem believable? Why? Why not? Provide text evidence to back it up.
5. If one (or more) of the characters made a choice that had moral implications, would you have made the same decision? Why? Why not?
6. Why did the author choose the title? How does it fit the book? What title would YOU have chosen?

7. If this book was to be made into a movie, choose five main scenes and why you chose them.
8. What was unique about the setting of the book and how did it enhance or take away from the story?
9. What specific themes did the author emphasize throughout the novel? What do you think he or she is trying to get across to the reader?
10. How do characters change or evolve throughout the course of the story? What events trigger the changes?
11. What unanswered, unresolved questions still remain and how would you answer them in a sequel?
12. What motivates the actions of a given character? To what degree does the character's past play a role in her present actions? Are those actions justified or ethical?
13. What is the central conflict of the plot? Is the conflict internal (a psychological conflict)? Or is it external? Character vs. character? Character vs. society? Character vs. nature? How did the conflict resolve?
14. Name a figurative language device (personification, metaphor, imagery, etc.) and cite an example of it from your novel. Include the page number.
15. Choose a color for this book and explain why it fits the story.
16. Choose a character and decide on two appropriate birthday presents for him/her and tell why.

QUESTIONS for NON-FICTION or INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

1. What are five important facts you learned from reading this book? Explain why you consider them important.
2. What parts of this book seem most/least believable? Why?
3. What confuses you in this book? Give at least two examples and explain your confusion.
4. Does the author try to persuade you? Give at least two examples and explain how they are examples of persuasion.
5. How do statistics and data support the author's perspective? Give at least two examples and explain.
6. Do you find the author's evidence convincing, yes or no? Explain with specific details from the book.
7. What new information did you learn? How can you apply this information to an issue or problem in today's world?
8. Would this person have made, or did this person make a good or bad world leader? Why?
9. What words, phrases, or statements does the author use that indicate that this person has/had leadership qualities? Why?
10. How did they make you feel? What did they make you think?
11. Did the author weave opinion and fact statements into the book? Find two examples of each.
12. Were there any photographs, illustrations, charts, graphs, or diagrams that were important? Select three (include page numbers) and describe what you learned from them and explain why you believe each one was important.
13. Did the reading leave you with unanswered questions? What are these? List three or more. Explain why these questions are important to you.

2015-2016 Grade 6-8 Sunshine State Book Trivia

For your Sunshine State book, on a separate piece of paper, create five (5) trivia questions with answers from the book. Indicate:

- Name of book and author at top of page.
- Five (5) questions with answers and page number where each is found.
- Choose trivia from the beginning, middle, and end of the book.

Example:

Q. For scary movie night, Sarah and Gabby chose which movie to watch?

A. They chose "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane," an old black and white movie starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford. (pg. 55)

The Reading Response (Total: 10 pts.)



Seventh Grade Biography List 2015 – 2016

I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World By Malala Yousafzai. Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. And on October 9, 2012, she was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Biography: *Mother Teresa* By Maya Gold. Filled with archival photographs and amazing fact boxes, this groundbreaking series introduces young readers to some of history's most interesting and influential characters. **Biography: *Mother Teresa*** tells the story of Catholic nun Agnes Bojaxhiu, from her early work with the poor in Calcutta, to the expansion of her Missionaries of Charity, to her recognition as a saint after her death.

Biography: *Gandhi* By Primo Levi, and Amy Pastan. Mohandas Gandhi was born at a time when his home country was choked under the oppression of British rule. Although many thought that violence was the only way to fight this injustice, Gandhi successfully used his teachings of nonviolence and civil disobedience to win his country's freedom — and create a philosophy of peace and equality that endures to this day.

Biography: *Nelson Mandela* By Lenny Hort, and Laaren Brown. Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa, and spent 27 years in prison in his fight against apartheid. His life is a shocking, stunning, and heroic story of the struggle for freedom in a divided society, and an inspiring example of one individual's power to bring peace to a nation.

Madame Curie: A Biography By Eve Curie, and Vincent Sheean. Marie Sklodowska Curie (1867–1934) was the first woman scientist to win worldwide acclaim and was, indeed, one of the great scientists of the twentieth century. Written by Curie's daughter, the renowned international activist Eve Curie, this biography chronicles Curie's legendary achievements in science, including her pioneering efforts in the study of radioactivity and her two Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry.

Who Was Queen Elizabeth?By June Eding. The life of Queen Elizabeth I was dramatic and dangerous: cast out of her father's court at the age of three and imprisoned at nineteen, Elizabeth was crowned queen in 1558, when she was only twenty-five. A tough, intelligent woman who spoke five languages, Elizabeth ruled for over forty years and led England through one of its most prosperous periods in history. Over 80 illustrations bring Gloriana and her court to life.

Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge: A Biography By Susan Barnett Braun. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is known to most of the world as Kate Middleton. She was an ordinary girl on her way to an ordinary life until she met her Prince Charming. Now, she appears on television and in magazines. She wears beautiful, expensive clothing and travels all over the world. One day, she will be Queen of England. But along the way, she was bullied as a schoolgirl and she waited nearly ten years before marrying Prince William. Learn more about Kate's road to royalty in this book!

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different By Karen Blumenthal. From the start, his path was never predictable. Steve Jobs was given up for adoption at birth, dropped out of college after one semester, and at the age of twenty, created Apple in his parents' garage with his friend Steve Wozniak. Then came the core and hallmark of his genius—his exacting moderation for perfection, his counterculture life approach, and his level of taste and style.

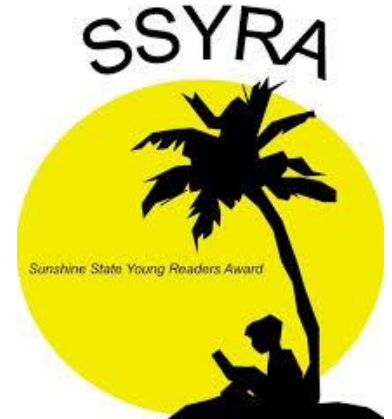
Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High By Melba Pattillo Beals In 1957, well before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Melba Pattillo Beals and eight other teenagers became iconic symbols for the Civil Rights Movement and the dismantling of Jim Crow in the American South as they integrated Little Rock's Central High.

Cesar Chavez: A Biography Greenwood Biographies Series By Roger Brunson. Cesar Chavez, the labor organizer and founder of the United Farm Workers of America, was, perhaps, an unlikely hero. In this biography, his early life is shown to be fairly typical for a boy in a close-knit family of Mexican Americans who worked the land in Arizona and California and endured hardship and discrimination. His story reveals the underside of the American Dream, and his later successes in helping farm workers and building a union to represent them are a testament to something extraordinary in a seemingly ordinary man.



Maitland Middle Summer Reading Book Lists

Sunshine State Young Reader Award Books 2015-2016



- **Counting by 7s** by Holly Goldberg Sloan (770L). In the tradition of *Out of My Mind* and *Wonder*, this is an intensely moving novel about being an outsider, coping with loss, and discovering the true meaning of family.
- **The Eighth Day**, by Dianne K. Salerni (730L) In this riveting fantasy adventure, thirteen-year-old Jax Aubrey discovers a secret Eighth Day with roots tracing back to Arthurian legend. Fans of Percy Jackson will devour this first book in a new series that combines exciting magic and pulse-pounding suspense.
- **Eye of the Storm**, by Kate Messner. In the not-too-distant future, huge tornadoes and monster storms are a part of everyday life. Jaden Meggs meets Alex, a boy from a nearby storm-ravaged farm, and together they discover a horrible truth about her dad's weather research. As a massive tornado approaches, Jaden must trust her knowledge, confront her dad and save everyone.
- **Jack Strong Takes a Stand**, by Tommy Greenwald. (640L). Jack Strong's parents have overscheduled his week with every extracurricular activity under the sun: tennis, baseball, cello, karate, tutoring, and Chinese language lessons--all on top of regular homework. And so, he stages a sit-in on his couch and refuses to get up until his parents let him quit some of the extracurriculars.
- **Jungle of Bones**, by Ben Mikaelson.(770L). After getting caught on a late-night joyride in a stolen car, Dylan is shipped off to live with his ex-Marine uncle for the summer in the steamy jungles of Papua New Guinea to hunt for a lost WWII fighter plane.
- **The Night Gardener**, by Jonathan Auxier. (690L) Two abandoned Irish siblings travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its inhabitants are not quite what they seem.
- **Project Jackalope**, by Emily Ecton (650L). In a hilarious and suspenseful adventure, Jeremy must find a way to protect his neighbor's experimental creature -- a jackalope with killer antlers -- from government agents.
- **The Secret of Rover**, by Rachel Wildavsky (690L). *The Secret of Rover* follows the clever and resourceful twins Katie and David as they race across country in their attempt to outwit an international team of insurgents who hold their parents and baby sister captive in a foreign land.
- **Seeing Red**, by Kathryn Erskine (750L). National Book Award winner Kathryn Erskine delivers a powerful story of family, friendship, and race relations in the South. Life will never be the same for Red Porter. He's a kid growing up around black car grease, white fence paint, and the backward attitudes of the folks who live in his hometown, Rocky Gap, Virginia.
- **Skink – No Surrender**, by Carl Hiaasen. When your cousin goes missing under suspicious circumstances, who do you call? There's only one man for the job: a half-crazed, half-feral, one-eyed ex-governor named Skink.
- **Stung**, by Bethany Wiggins. Fiona doesn't remember going to sleep. But when she opens her eyes, she discovers her entire world has been altered. Even stranger is the tattoo on her right wrist, the mark of a vaccination that turned people into ferocious, deadly beasts.
- **Tesla's Attic**, by Neal Shusterman. The attic in Nick's new house is a strange magnetic vortex, which attracts all sorts of trouble. It's as if the attic itself has an intelligence . . . and a purpose. Fans of intrigue, humor, and nonstop action are guaranteed a read unlike any other.
- **The Testing**, by Joelle Charbonneau. It's graduation day for sixteen-year-old Malencia Vale, and she is chosen for The Testing, a program that selects the best and brightest new graduates to become possible leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization. She bravely heads off to Tosu City, far away from friends and family, perhaps forever. Danger, romance—and sheer terror—await.
- **This Journal Belongs to Ratchet**, by Nancy J. Cavanaugh (830L). This Florida State Book Award gold medal winner is a heartfelt story about an unconventional girl's quest to make a friend, save a park, and find her own definition of normal.
- **Twerp**, by Mark Goldblatt (730L). This award-winning book has been called "reminiscent of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*." Julian Twerski isn't a bully. He's just made a big mistake. So when he returns to school after a suspension, his English teacher offers him a deal: if he keeps a journal and writes about the terrible incident that got him and his friends suspended, he can get out of writing a report on Shakespeare.

Soak up a good book this summer!