

Whitcomb School Summer Reading - Entering Grade 6

Choose one book from the list and complete one of the following projects.

All projects need to include: Your name, Class, Title of Book, Author of Book



Project Options:

1) Write a New Ending/the Next Chapter

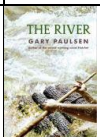
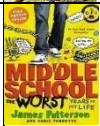
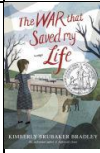

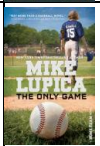
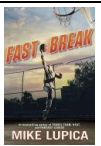




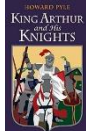

- Write 1-3 page new ending (or a first chapter to a sequel) to the book you read. The new chapter should contain the same characters, style, setting, plot, problem (conflict), and theme (message about life) of the book.
- Make a cover sheet of your new ending that illustrates a scene from your chapter. On your cover sheet, include the title of the book you read, the author's name, and your first and last name.

2) Write a Main Idea Summary Essay

- Write a 1-2 page essay that summarizes the main ideas in the book that you read.
- A 3-paragraph essay should have: 1) an introduction about the book you read that includes why you chose it, and how you felt about the main character and events. 2) an explanation of what the main lesson/moral of the story is. 3) a conclusion stating whether you'd recommend the book or not, and why (strengths and weaknesses of the book).
- Make a cover sheet that represents the main ideas, characters, and themes (messages about life) of the book you read. Include the title of the book, the author's name, and your first and last name on your cover sheet.

DUE DATE: Summer Reading projects are due on September 3rd (Tuesday after Labor Day)

Book Options for Students Entering Grade 6

Title/Author	Summary	
<i>The River (sequel to Hatchet) or Any Title by Gary Paulsen</i>		"We want you to do it again." These words, spoken to Brian Robeson, will change his life. Two years earlier, Brian was stranded alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days with nothing but a small hatchet. Yet he survived. Now the government wants him to do it again -- to go back into the wilderness so that astronauts and the military can learn the survival techniques that kept Brian alive.
Any Titles by James Patterson		Middle School doesn't begin well for Rafe Khatchadorian. Between run-ins with the school bully, Miller "The Killer" and a book of rules that the school actually takes seriously, to say Rafe is disillusioned with the educational system would be understatement. And so it's totally understandable when his best friend, Leonardo, suggests that Rafe set out to break every rule in the book. "Every masterpiece comes at the end of a long line of failures." — James Patterson, <i>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</i>
<i>The War that Saved My Life</i> Kimberly Brubaker Bradley		Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure of Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?
<i>The Land of Stories</i> Chris Colfer		Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. <i>The Land of Stories</i> tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.
Any Titles by Mike Lupica		"A newspaper sports journalist, Mike Lupica not only conveys excitingly the details of whatever sport he has chosen as background, but he also creates characters, preteens and teens who think, behave and, best of all, speak like their peers. Lupica explores families, friendships and fans complexly." — Chicago Tribune 
<i>Refugee</i> by Alan Gratz		Three different kids. One mission in common: ESCAPE. Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family aboard a ship bound for the other side of the world... Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety and freedom in America... Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe... All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers—from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But for each of them, there is always the hope of tomorrow.
Any title from the <i>I Survived</i> Series By Lauren Tarshis	Each book in my series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <i>I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912</i> <i>I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916</i> <i>I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005</i> <i>I Survived the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, 1941</i> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <i>I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, A.D. 79</i> <i>I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871</i> <i>I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863</i> <i>I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011</i> </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <i>I Survived the Joplin Tornado, 2011</i> <i>I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937</i> <i>I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980</i> <i>I Survived the Attacks of September 11, 2001</i> </div> </div>	
Any title from the Classics Series by Townsend Press	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>, Mark Twain <i>Little Women</i>, Louisa May Alcott <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>, Arthur Conan Doyle <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>, Daniel Defoe </div> <div style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">   </div> <div style="width: 40%;"> <i>King Arthur and his Knights</i>, Howard Pyle <i>The Jungle Book</i>, Rudyard Kipling <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>, Lucy Maud Montgomery <i>Black Beauty</i>, Anna Sewell </div> <div style="width: 5%; text-align: center;">   </div> </div>	