



Summer Reading Expectations 2019

Dear Entering Sixth Grader,

This year's summer reading list includes some exciting new titles as well as wonderful books that have stood the test of time. **You are required to read four books from this list: the all-form book, which is *Fever 1793*, and three others. Your three self-selected books must be from different genres.** I recommend that you read the three choice books first and save *Fever 1793* for August so it will be fresh in your mind when you come to school. It would be spectacular if you read even more than four books from the list!

We will be discussing *Fever 1793* and using it in class. Since we will be referring to specific pages, it would be helpful for you to purchase the Simon & Schuster paperback copy. The ISBN-13 number is 978-0689848919. We will be writing about and discussing this book together during the first weeks of school. In preparation for our work with the novel, **please fill out the plot diagram worksheet.** Your notes about *Fever 1793* on this worksheet will help you remember details when you complete assignments at the beginning of the school year.

In sixth grade English, we will be considering the complicated question "What is identity?" as seen through various books. As you read your summer books, begin to think about how this concept might connect to them. We will discuss this when we are together. **For each of your three choice books, please do one of the following mini-projects. Please do a different project for each choice book:**

- Design a new cover that expresses an important idea or theme of the book.
- Draw a map of the book's setting using descriptions in the book.
- Draw a portrait of an important character in the book based on details in the story.
- Think of a song that expresses an important idea in the book and write five sentences about why you chose that song.
- Write down three interview questions that you would ask the protagonist of the book. Then write down the answers you think he/she would give.

Once school starts, you will discuss each of these books with your new classmates, and your projects will help start those conversations. **You should have three mini-projects ready to bring to school with you on the first day of classes. It is not necessary to fill out a worksheet on these books.**

The sixth grade summer reading list can be viewed on-line directly at www.shadysideacademy.org/summerinfo. It can also be viewed through the Parent Portal and on the page for newly enrolled families www.shadysideacademy.org/welcome.

Enjoy your summer. Happy reading!
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