

## 2024 Grade 7 Summer Reading Assignment #1:

**Choose one of the following:**

**Option 1:** *Ali Cross* by James Patterson

**Option 2:** *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds

**Option 3:** *A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen

**The Task:** Due to your ELA teacher on or before Wednesday, 9/4/24

Once you have completed your book, you are to write a letter to your teacher. You will write and explain what the story was about (a summary), what character stood out to you and why, and if you recommend reading this book (include why or why not.) Your letter will be graded on if you touch on the topics mentioned above, the content (how much you included and how well you explain your point of view), and how you format your letter (your grammar, spelling, punctuation.)

**Here is an example of a review letter:**

Dear Mrs. Boag and Mrs. Davis,

I am writing to review [title of the book]. [Write a summary of your book here. The summary should include the characters, setting, conflict, main ideas, and resolution.]

One of the characters that stood out to me is [Name and describe your character and tell why he or she stood out to you. Include character traits, strengths and weaknesses, etc.]

Overall, I **would/would not** recommend [title of the book]. [Briefly explain why you would or would not recommend the book you chose].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

## 2024 Grade 7 Summer Reading Assignment #2:

Choose **one** of the following books listed below from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia “Recommended Reading” list for students entering grade 7.

**Option 1:** *Full Cicada Moon* by Marilyn Hilton

**Option 2:** *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz

**Option 3:** *The Red Bandanna* by Tom Rinaldi

### The Task: **Due to your ELA teacher on or before Wednesday, 9/4/24**

After completing your choice of one of the books listed above, you will create a one-pager. This is a detailed, one page, artistic representation of the major themes and ideas of the reading. If you’ve never seen one before, feel free to Google “one-pager” and you’ll see lots of examples!

### Directions for creating your one-pager:

1. Start with a blank piece of paper. A piece of blank printer paper is fine.
2. Collect coloring supplies and/or your computer for inspiration for images.
3. Use the following prompt to **inspire** the design of your page: ***What is the central theme of the text and how do the characters, plot, and setting reveal and shape this theme?***
4. Design a one page collage that answers your question using the following:
  - a. A thematic statement that represents the reading
  - b. Text (quotes from the reading, individual words, etc.)
  - c. Images (symbols, characters, setting elements, etc.)
  - d. Color (think about mood and tone)

\*Be sure to incorporate textual evidence into your one-pager - this is a critical component! Also, remember that the design and thoughtfulness behind each of the elements you include is important. Show the layers of understanding that you gained from reading, not just the surface level observations that anyone could make from simply skimming.

### Don’t Forget:

Take your time making your project look professional. Neatness and creativity count!