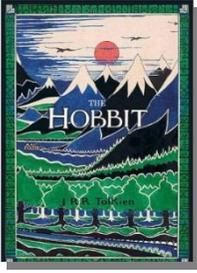


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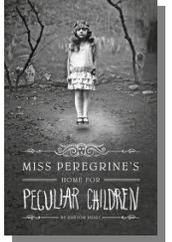


The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again - J. R. R. Tolkien

The saga of the ring starts here when Bilbo Baggins is dragged from his cozy hobbit hole into adventure. Prequel to The Lord of the Rings trilogy. (*Core Curriculum*)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children - Ransom Riggs

A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs. Story continues in **Hollow City** and **Library of Souls**. (*Magical Realism*)



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C. S. Lewis

The White Witch and Aslan the lion await you. Open the wardrobe and enter the magical world of Narnia. Enjoy all the books in the Chronicles of Narnia series. (*Classics*)

The Misfits - James Howe

Tired of being bullied, four friends try to end name-calling by forming a new student council political party, "The No-Name" party. Read the companion books **Totally Joe** and **Also Known as Elvis**. (*Anti-Bullying/Tolerance*)

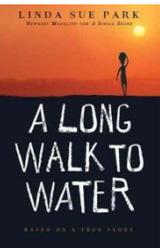
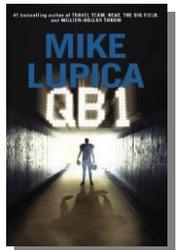


Flygirl - Sherri L. Smith

Before World War II, women only dreamed of being pilots. But Ida breaks color and gender barriers by flying to help the war effort. (*Historical Fiction*)

QB 1 - Mike Lupica

Jake Cullen, fourteen, lives in the shadows of his father and older brother until he becomes the starting quarterback for the high school football team. Inspired by the Manning family. (*Sports*)

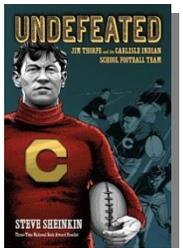


A Long Walk to Water - Linda Sue Park

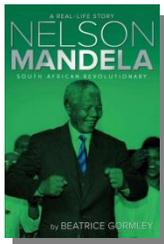
Two journeys converge in the Sudan: in 1985 during the civil war, Salva is separated from his family and must walk through three countries in search of safe haven. While in 2008, Nya walks eight hours a day in search of water for her family. (*Multi-cultural*)

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team - Steve Sheinkin

When superstar athlete Jim Thorpe and football legend Pop Warner met in 1904 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. They were so good they were called "the team that invented football." (*Biography/Sports*)



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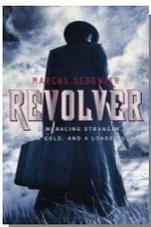
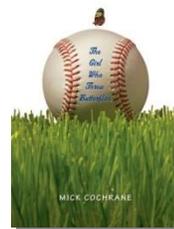


Nelson Mandela: South African Revolutionary - Beatrice Gormley

Discover the man behind the smile and how Mandela went from peaceful protester against apartheid, to political prisoner, to president and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. *(Biography)*

The Girl Who Threw Butterflies - Mick Cochrane

The pitcher on the boy's baseball team throws a great knuckleball . . . but the pitcher is a girl. *(Sports)*

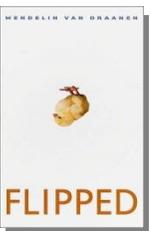


Revolver - Marcus Sedgwick

A teen returns to his isolated cabin to find his father frozen to death and a gun-toting stranger demanding his stolen gold in this chilling Arctic mystery. *(Adventure/Mystery)*

Life as We Knew It - Susan Beth Pfeffer

A meteor hits the moon and in one moment the whole world changes. Food and heat are almost nonexistent. One girl journals her family's desperate struggle for survival. If you like this one, there are three more companion/sequel books. *(Sci-fi/Survival)*



Flipped - Wendelin Van Draanen

There are three sides to every story, his side, her side and the truth. An eighth grade boy and girl tell their sides. *(Comedy/Realistic Fiction)*

Goodbye Stranger - Rebecca Stead

As Bridge makes her way through seventh grade on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her best friends, she finds the answer she has been seeking since she barely survived an accident at age eight: "What is my purpose?" *(Growing Up/Realistic Fiction)*

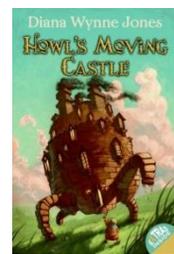


The Odyssey: The Graphic Novel - Gareth Hinds

Like Percy Jackson? Try this retelling of Greek hero Odysseus' battles with gods, witches and creatures of all kinds as he returns home from the Trojan War. *(Graphic Novel)*

Howl's Moving Castle - Dianne Wynn Jones

In a word, delightful! This is a must-read for any fantasy fans. Sophie has the great misfortune of being the eldest of three daughters, destined to fail miserably. She finds herself under a spell that transforms her into an old lady, and her only hope is the heartless wizard Howl and his fire demon, Calcifer. *(Fantasy)*



Seventh Grade SSMS Summer Reading Response Worksheet

Name: _____ 7th Grade

Directions: Please be sure to READ over this entire handout before reading the summer reading of your choice. Note your purpose for reading the text. Use the worksheet while you read the text. **Be an active reader!** You may type your responses or use extra paper if needed.

Title (capital letters/ underline):

Author (first and last name):

Genre (science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, realistic fiction, etc...):

1. Setting (where & when/time period):

2. Characters and Characterization

a) Characterization of Protagonist

- Identify who the protagonist (main character.) of the text is. If the text selected has multiple protagonists, choose ONE.
- Characterize using text details/citations (physical and personal attributes)

a) **Characterization of Antagonist**

- Identify the antagonist (opposing character, group, or force of the text is.
- Characterize using text details/citations (physical and personal attributes)

3. **Conflict** (problems or struggles the characters face)

- a) **Internal conflict(s)** faced by the protagonist (doubts, fears, decisions etc)

- b) **External conflict(s)** faced by the protagonist (due to outside challenges/conditions)

4. **Resolution** (Was the conflict resolved? If so, how? If not, why?):

5. **Theme** (What lesson did the author intend for readers to learn? What events support this?):

6. **Evidence of Dynamic Characterization:** Determine how the protagonist changed from the beginning of the book to the end of the book. The adjectives used as traits should most likely be **ANTONYMS!**

Example: A protagonist could behave cowardly at the beginning of a book but become brave over time. A protagonist could have been immature at the beginning of a book and becomes mature.

Character trait at the **beginning** of the book: _____

Give Text citations to support the character trait (Put citations in quotes and include the page number):

What motivates the character to change? Explain what leads to the character's transformation.

Character trait at the end of the book. This trait should be the opposite of the trait at the beginning of the book: _____

Text citation to support character trait Put citations in quotes and include the page number):
