

LANGUAGE ARTS -- GRADE 7
SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS
2011



This summer each entering seventh grade student must read The Ravenmaster's Secret by Elvira Woodruff. Besides reading the book, you must also:

- Develop three (3) questions and answers for each of five chapter groupings, making a total of fifteen (15) questions with answers, to be collected upon their return.
- These questions should relate to important ideas/events in the chapters.
- One question in each set of three should require more than one sentence to answer. Try starting these questions with "How" or "Why do you think..." or "What caused [something] to happen?" The other two can be short answer, but **not** just "yes" or "no."
- Students must number the questions 1, 2, 3 per chapter grouping. (See the back for sample questions for the first chapter grouping.) Students must compose three different questions for chapters 1-7
- The chapter groupings are as follows:
 1. Prologue – Ch. VII (pp. xii – 41)
 2. Ch. VIII – Ch. XIV (pp. 42 – 90)
 3. Ch. XV – Ch. XXI (pp. 91 – 142)
 4. Ch. XXII – XXVIII (pp. 143 – 187)
 5. Ch. XXIX – Epilogue (pp. 188 – 214)
- **The questions and answers must be typed.**
- Shortly after school begins in the fall, the language arts classes will discuss this book and then take a test on it.
- Keep the discussion and test in mind when exploring the book.
- The department recommends that the students purchase a copy to use when discussing the book in the fall.

Each student is also required to read **three** (3) additional books of **150 pages or more**. He/She may select ones from the Trinity School Librarian lists or other age appropriate books. Your public library is always a good resource. The list of these books must be submitted to the student's language arts teacher during the first week of school. Follow the recording guidelines on the recording sheet.

We look forward to having a lively dialogue in the fall!!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Moulding, Mrs. Hutton

Section 1: Prologue – Ch. VII

1. What is the setting of the novel?

The novel is set at the Tower of London, England during March of 1735.

2. What is a moat and how does it affect Forrest?

A moat is a big trench filled with water that runs around the Tower of London to keep enemies out. Its affect on Forrest is that the powerful stench adds to his desire to escape his life in the Tower and seek adventure outside the walls.

3. What “nonsense” was being referred to in the title of Chapter I?

Forrest was pretending that he was battling highwaymen (robbers), with a stick sword and a chamber pot shield, to defend his father and their lockbox.

Summer Reading Recommendations For Seventh Grade

When you are visiting the public library this summer, be sure to include some of the following books (or other books by the same authors). The following list of fiction books, include realistic fiction, historical fiction, humorous fiction, mystery, science fiction, and fantasy. The books or authors with an (*) are especially recommended by the language arts teachers. The summer reading book has been bolded.

Author	Fiction Title
Lloyd Alexander *	<u>Westmark</u> * and <u>The Beggar Queen</u> *
Sue Ellen Bridges	<u>All Together Now</u>
Bill Brittain	<u>The Wish Giver</u> (fantasy)
Pam Conrad	<u>Stonewords</u> (ghost story) *
Helen Cresswell	<u>Moondial</u> (time fantasy)
Pricilla Cummings	<u>The Red Kayak</u> and <u>What Mr. Mattero Did</u>
Arthur C. Doyle *	<u>The Sherlock Holmes Mysteries</u> *
Thomas Dygard	<u>Wilderness Peril</u> (adventure)
Sylvia Engdahl	<u>Enchantress From the Stars</u> (science fiction)
Dennis Fradin	<u>Remarkable Children: Twenty Who Made History</u>
Frank Galbraith Jr. *	<u>Cheaper by the Dozen</u> *
Mary Downing Hahn	(any)
Virginia Hamilton	(any)
Monica Hughes	<u>The Keeper of the Isis Light</u> (science fiction)
Jim Kjelgaard	<u>Big Red</u> (dog story)
Gordan Korman	(humorous fiction)
Kathryn Lasky	<u>Beyond the Divide</u> (historical fiction)
Anne McCaffrey	<u>Dragonsong</u> (science fiction)
Gloria Miklowitz	<u>The War Between the Classes</u>
Lucy Maud Montgomery	<u>Anne of Green Gables</u> (series)
Beverly Naidoo	<u>Journey to Jo'Burg</u> (multicultural fiction)
Joan Lowry Nixon *	(Mysteries) *
Andre Norton	<u>Lavender Green Magic</u> (time warp)
Scott O'Dell	<u>The Serpent Never Sleeps</u> (historical fiction)
Katherine Paterson *	<u>Jacob Have I Loved</u> * (and others)
Gary Paulsen *	(any) *
Joanna Reiss *	<u>The Upstairs Room</u> (historical fiction) *
Willo Davis Roberts	<u>Megan's Island</u> (Poe Award – mystery)
Mary Rodgers *	<u>Freaky Friday</u> *
William Sleator	<u>Strange Attractors</u> (science fiction)
Mary Stolz	<u>Pangur Ban</u> (fantasy)
Cynthia Voight *	<u>Izzy Willy Nilly</u> , <u>Dicey's Song</u> , <u>Homecoming</u> *
Woodruff, Elvira	<u>The Ravenmaster's Secret</u>
Jane Yolen	<u>The Devil's Arithmetic</u>
Paul Zindel	<u>My Darling, My Hamburger</u>
Zlata Filipovic	<u>Zlata's Diary</u> (biography)

Author	Classic Fiction Titles
Louisa May Alcott	<u>Little Women</u>
Enid Bagnold	<u>National Velvet</u>
Paul Gallico	<u>The Snow Goose</u>
John Gunther	<u>Death Be Not Proud</u>
O. Henry	(short stories)

Helen Keller
Jack London *
Edgar Allen Poe
John Steinbeck

The Story of My Life (autobiography)
The Call of the Wild *
(short stories and poems)
The Pearl and The Red Pony

Recommended for Social Studies

Ellis Dillon
Esther Forbes
Jean Fritz
Milton Meltzer
Mary Kay Phelan
Celia Rees
Elizabeth Speare

The Seekers
Johnny Tremain
Early Thunder
George Washington: The Birth of Our Nation
The Story of the Boston Massacre
Witch Child and Sorceress
The Witch of Blackbird Pond

TRINITY SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST RECORD

NAME: _____

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Parent Signature
