**7th Grade Independent Reading Requirement**

**Due Dates**

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#2 - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Each quarter you must:

* Read two teacher-approved books.
* Complete ONE Independent Reading Project from the ideas provided.
* Complete ONE book notes form for the other book. Be sure to use the proper form (fiction vs. non-fiction).

\*Throughout the course of 7th grade English, you must read two non-fiction titles. That means 2/8 texts need to be informational.

\* If your IR book has been made into a movie, you must include a detailed list of 5 differences between the book and movie.

\* Once you get your books approved, you have two weeks to change your mind. Any changes to your plan must be approved. See your teacher!

\*As mentioned, a list of project ideas will be provided. You can come up with your own idea, but it must be approved. Most projects will also require an additional 3-paragraph writing piece.

Suggestions for a successful IR experience:

- Read early!  Pace your reading and spread it out throughout the quarter. Do not wait until the last minute.

- Determine which of your two books per quarter will make a better project.  Some books just work better! Do the note-taking sheet for the other book.

- Type your written piece! Size 12, double-spaced!  Not only will you benefit from the editing tools, but it will look neater and more professional. You can always use computers at school!

- Avoid using images from movie versions of the books. Be creative - draw or find unique images!

- Look at your teacher's website for directions, sample projects, and exemplars from the past!

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print name), have read and understand the 7th Grade Independent Reading requirements and suggestions.  I understand that I must read two books per quarter and complete one project and one note-taking sheet.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print name), have reviewed the information above with my child.  I understand the requirements and will encourage my child to make this a successful year of reading independently.

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