

Summer Reading for Jr. High ELA

Students will need to purchase or borrow the following assigned books and read them over the summer to continue our reading growth from this year:

8th grade- The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

7th grade- The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



***Then after reading the book, each student will write an Objective Summary paragraph about the book, following the guidelines we have used this year in class. Reminder: There are no personal feelings or opinions in this summary.

This is due the 1st day of school. Please bring it with you, in handwritten or typed format using proper grammar, capitalization, punctuation and written as a junior high student.

OBJECTIVE summaries

SUMMARY STEP	EXPLANATION
1 SOMEBODY	Who are the main characters?
2 WANTED	What did the main characters want to do?
3 BUT	Who or what kept getting in the way of what they want and how did they get in the way?
4 SO	What did they do to overcome the obstacles?
5 THEN	What happened at the end?
6 FINALLY	What was the final resolution or lesson of the story?

Example: ¹In the novel Holes by Louis Sachar, the main characters are Stanley and Zero. ²They both wanted to find out the truth about their crimes, their destinies, and their families. ³Both boys are sent to Camp Green Lake and the warden is making them dig holes to build character. ⁴so they run away to the top of God's Thumb. ⁵Because Stanley carried Zero up the mountain, it breaks the curse, they find Stanley Yelnat's money, justice is served, and they become good friends. ⁶Finally, Camp Green Lake is turned into a Girl Scout Camp, which is a great example of irony.

