



Leestown Middle Summer Reading

7th grade- Connecting to Literature

We want you to find a book that fits you! Review the themes and find one that interests you. Then, choose ONE book that fits one of the themes listed below, read it, and complete the assignments on the back. All work is due the first week of school! Enjoy!

Themes: Family Upheavals, Friendship, Humor, Rebellion, Sports and Competition, Surviving Against the Odds

**Note – Not EVERY book by the authors will necessarily fit under the themes listed. However, most will and all chapter books by these authors will be accepted for summer reading credit. Included (in parentheses) are some suggested titles, but, again, all chapter books by these authors will be accepted for summer reading credit, as well as any chapter books that fit the themes listed above.*

Family Upheavals

- Sharon Draper (Out of My Mind, Romiette and Julio)
- Sharon Flake (Money Hungry)
- Pamela Munoz Ryan (Esperanza Rising, Becoming Naomi Leon)
- Jacqueline Woodson (Locomotion)
- Gretchen Olson (Call Me Hope)
- Julia Alvarez (How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents)
- Nancy Osa (Cuba 15)
- Sharon Creech (Walk Two Moons)

Friendship

- Sharon Draper (Tears of a Tiger series)
- Sharon Flake (The Skin I'm In)
- Katherine Patterson (The Bridge to Terabithia)
- Jerry Spinelli (StarGirl)
- Rick Riordan (The Lightning Thief series)

Rebellion

- Walter Dean Meyers (Sunrise Over Fallujah)
- Jeanne DuPrau (The City of Ember series)
- James Patterson (The Maximum Ride series)
- Scott Westerfield (The Uglies and Pretties series)
- Veronica Roth (Divergent series)

Sports and Competition

- Mike Lupica (Two-Minute Drill, Summer Ball)
- Tim Green (Unstoppable)
- John Feinstein (Last Shot)

Surviving Against the Odds

- Gary Paulsen (Hatchet series)
- Susan Beth Pfeffer (Life As We Knew It series)
- Scott O'Dell (Island of the Blue Dolphins)
- James Dashner (The Maze Runner series)
- Gary Soto (The Afterlife)

Assignment:

Before Reading: Write a paragraph that explains how and why you chose your book. What about this book interested you?

After Reading: Choose 3 events and / or characters and connect with them in some way. For *each* event/character discussed, write *at least* a paragraph. This will total 3 paragraphs.

Use these questions to guide you, though *many other connections can be made*.

- Have you had similar experiences?
- Do you have similar personality traits? Do you have similar parents or family members? I
- If you were in this situation, would you react the same way?

Note: Please do not just describe the characters or summarize the book; make a connection to characters and/or events.