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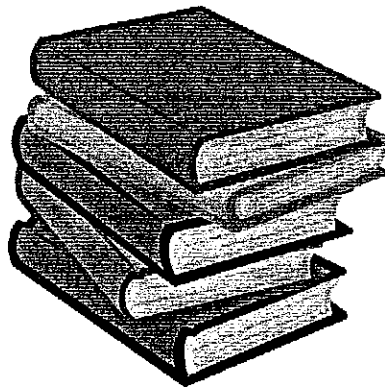
## Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment

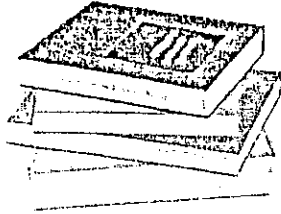
Read a grade appropriate fictional novel from the suggested list. Please look at the Think-Tac-Toe assignments before making your choice.

### THINK-TAC-TOE

You are to complete a minimum of three consecutive (in a row) squares on the Think-Tac-Toe. You are to follow the directions as presented on the sheet given. You must include the Think-Tac-Toe box number from 1-9, on all work handed in. See attached sheets in order to complete box 2, box 7, and box 8.

All written work must be completed in black or blue ink and must be fit for publication. Would you be proud to hang your work in the foyer for all to see?





## Novel Think-Tac-Toe

<p>1. Research the author using the Internet. Develop a list of 12 creative interview questions and include the author's "response" to each. Your answers should reflect your research. CCSS RL6-4</p>	<p>2. Five Senses Poem - Respond to the sentence starters through the point of view of a main character. Your titles should be the name of the character and each line should contain a figure of speech (alliteration, simile, etc.) that describes your character. CCSS L6-5</p>	<p>3. Draw a favorite scene from your book on an 8x11.5 sheet. You must include a paragraph under your picture that describes your scene. Your paragraph must have 6-7 well-written sentences. CCSS RL 6-5</p>
<p>4. Create a Comic Strip using 6 boxes to show the sequence of events of the novel. Your strip must take the viewer from beginning to end of the story and must include dialogue. CCSS RL6-3</p>	<p>5. Journal Entry - Write 5 journal entries using the point of view of a main character. Your entries should be dated and should reflect the action that takes place in the plot from beginning to end. CCSS W 6-3b</p>	<p>6. Write a letter from the point of view of the main character. Your letter should be written to another character in the story. Your letter must reflect a situation that reflects the plot line of the story. Be sure to use a friendly letter format. CCSS L 6-3a; 3b</p>
<p>7. Vocabulary Activity - Identify 10 new words. Write out the sentence containing the word, determine a definition based on context clues, then find the dictionary meaning. CCSS RL6-4</p>	<p>8. The Plot Unfolds - A series of episodes reveals the storyline. Use the attached sheet to fully describe each element of a plot line. CCSS RL6-3</p>	<p>9. Big Idea - Identify the theme, lesson, or message in this reading. Explain how this theme connects to our world today. CCSS RL 6-2</p>

\*\*SEE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR BOX 2, BOX 7 AND BOX 8

## FMS SEVENTH GRADE Summer Reading List

Reading recommendations:      EASIER      MORE DIFFICULT      CHALLENGING

### *EASIER*

Liar, Liar by Gary Paulsen

Kevin doesn't mean to make trouble when he lies. He's just really good at it, and it makes life so much easier. But as his lies pile up, he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble with his friends, family, and teachers. He's got to find a way to end his lying streak—forever.

Liar & Spy by Rebecca Stead

Seventh-grader Georges moves into a Brooklyn apartment building and meets Safer, a twelve-year-old self-appointed spy. Georges becomes Safer's first spy recruit. His assignment? Tracking the mysterious Mr. X, who lives in the apartment upstairs. But as Safer becomes more demanding, Georges starts to wonder: How far is too far to go for your only friend?

Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour by Michael D. Beil

It started in school - Sophie saw a ghostly face in the church window across the courtyard. Before long, she and her friends find themselves on a scavenger hunt set up for a girl they never met, in search of a legendary ring reputed to grant wishes. Intrigued? The Red Blazer Girls offers a fun, twisty adventure for those who love mystery, math and a modest measure of mayhem.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

From the day she arrives at quiet Mica High in a burst of color and sound, hallways hum "Stargirl." She captures Leo Borlock's heart with one smile. She sparks a school-spirit revolution with one cheer. The students of Mica High are enchanted. Until they are not. Leo urges her to become the very thing that can destroy her - normal.

100 Cupboards by N.D. Wilson (100 Cupboards, Book One)

Twelve-year-old Henry York wakes up one night to find bits of plaster in his hair. Two knobs have broken through the wall above his bed and one of them is slowly turning. Henry scrapes the plaster off the wall and discovers cupboards of all different sizes and shapes. Through one he can hear the sound of falling rain. Through another he sees a glowing room—with a man pacing back and forth! Henry soon understands that these are not just cupboards, but portals to other worlds.

### *MORE DIFFICULT*

Aliens on Vacation by Clete Barrett Smith

David isn't happy about leaving Florida and his friends to summer with his crazy grandmother in "Middle-of-Nowhere," Washington. Arriving at her Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, he isn't surprised by its the-60's-meets-Star-Wars decor, but he is surprised by the weird-looking guests. It turns out that each room in the inn is an off-earth portal and his grandma the gate-keeper, allowing aliens to vacation on Earth. Grandma desperately needs David's help monitoring the visitors, shopping for cartloads of aluminum-foil for dinner, and taking rambunctious alien kids camping. The problem is, the town sheriff, already suspicious about Granny, is a scout leader camping in the same spot. Will David blow Granny's cover?

As Easy As Falling Off the Face of the Earth by Lynn Rae Perkins

Sixteen-year-old Ry opens a letter en route to a summer program informing him that camp has been canceled because "a statistically improbable number of things have gone wrong." He hops off the train in Montana to figure out what to do, and his own series of improbable misfortunes begins. What will happen to Ry as the

train moves on without him (but with all his stuff,) leaving him alone with a dying cell phone in the precise middle of nowhere?

Little Blog on the Prairie by Cathleen Davitt Bell

Camp Frontier promises families the thrill of living like 1890s pioneers. Gen will be thrilled if she survives the summer stuck in a cabin with her family and no modern amenities. But ever the savvy teen, Gen sneaks in a phone and starts texting about camp life. When her texts go viral as a blog and a TV crew arrives, Gen realizes she may have just ruined the best vacation she's ever had.

QB1 by Mike Lupica

Jake Cullen is a freshman quarterback playing high school football in the high-pressure land of Friday Night Lights. He is also the brother of Wyatt Cullen, who quarterbacked his team to the championship last season--not to mention the son of former NFL quarterback and local legend, Troy Cullen. To be a Cullen in Texas is to be royalty - and a quarterback. All of which leaves 14-year-old Jake in a Texas-sized shadow, a tall order for any boy, especially one who's merely a freshman.

The Unknowns by Benedict Carey

In a trailer park called Adjacent, next to the Folsom Energy Plant, people have started to vanish, and no one seems to care. At first Lady Di and her best friend, Tom Jones, barely notice the disappearances—until their beloved math tutor, Mrs. Clarke, is abducted, too. Mrs. Clarke has left them clues in the form of math equations that lead them all over the trailer park, through hidden tunnels under “Mount Trashmore,” and into the Folsom Energy Plant itself, where Lady Di and Tom Jones and a gang of other misfits uncover the sordid truth about what's really happening there.

## CHALLENGING

Keeping the Castle by Patrice Kendl

To support her family and maintain the family's ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems.

Little Vampire Women by Lynn Messina

In this twist on Louisa May Alcott's classic tale that chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England, the girls are vampires and neighbor Laurie wants to join them.

Oracle: Sunken Earth by C. W. Trisef

Ret is a young man with mysterious origins, unique features, and no memory of his past. His new family and friends discover he is extraordinary, with supernatural powers and strange scars on the palms of his hands. But what is his destiny? *Book One*

The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan (Ranger's Apprentice, Book One)

The Rangers have always scared him in the past, with their dark cloaks and shadowy ways. The villagers believe the Rangers practice magic that makes them invisible to ordinary people. And now 15-year-old Will, always small for his age, has been chosen as a Ranger's apprentice. What he doesn't yet realize is that the Rangers are the protectors of the kingdom. Highly trained in the skills of battle and surveillance, they fight the battles before the battles reach the people. And as Will is about to learn, there is a large battle brewing.

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Character's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Inside, I feel \_\_\_\_\_

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BOX 7

Novel Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Vocabulary: Identify 10 new words that you came across in your reading. Determine the meaning of the words using the context clues around it. Check your definition against the dictionary definition. Were you correct?

Page #	New Word	Sentence the word appears in	Context Definition	Dictionary Definition	Correct?



BOX 8

TITLE OF BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLOT OUTLINE

A. Introduction:

B. Conflict:

C. Rising Action:

D. Climax:

E. Falling Action:

F. Resolution: