



Patrick F. Taylor Science and Technology Academy 2016-2017 7th Grade Summer Reading List

Each student is expected to read **two** books over the summer, one **fiction** and one **non-fiction** and watch **one movie**. When you return to school, you will turn in 3 summary sheets and the novel project to your English teacher. You will complete a summary sheet for each of the two books *and* one for the movie. You will also complete a “Novel Project” for the fiction book. You complete **only one** project for your fiction book.

Find a description of each of the books here: [bit.ly/ 2016summerreading](http://bit.ly/2016summerreading)

Fiction – Choose One

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Dirt Diary (The Dirt Diary #1) by Anna Staniszewski
The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora
Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson
The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier
The One Safe Place by Tania Unsworth
The Perfect Place by Teresa E. Harris
Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa de los Santos and David Teague
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie T. Lamana
Surrounded by Sharks by Michael Northrop

Non-Fiction – Choose One

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design written by Chip Kidd
The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi written by Neal Bascomb

Movie

Labyrinth, starring David Bowie, is directed by Jim Henson and was released in 1986. In this fantasy, teenager Sarah embarks on a life-altering quest when she attempts to rescue her little brother, Toby, from the clutches of treacherous Jareth the Goblin King, who lives in a castle surrounded by a giant labyrinth. With just 13 hours to plot a course through the dangerous maze, Sarah must grow up fast, learn her responsibilities and muster supreme courage. The film is available through Netflix, Amazon Instant Video for \$2.99 and the Jefferson Parish Public Library. Be sure that you are watching the correct movie, check date and director.

1. Complete a book summary sheet for each book (fiction and non-fiction) and the movie.

2. Fiction Novel Project - Directions

You have the opportunity to express your talents and personality while enjoying a good read! Complete **one project** from the list below for your **fiction** selection. In your project, always include the book title, author, and your name.

a. Power Point - Create a PPT presentation that promotes your book to other readers. Include at least 8-12 slides with at least 1 image/graphic per slide. Open with a book jacket image. Your PowerPoint needs to have depth. It should explain the plot, setting, main characters, and main themes. The final slide before your citations should be your opinion of the novel. Each slide should represent a different element of the novel. The presentation should persuade other to read the book. Be sure to include a slide with citations indicating where you found and text, images, video, etc. (www.google.com is NOT acceptable!) If you need help with creating citations, use www.easybib.com. Once you have your laptop, you will upload your powerpoint to Google Docs.

b. Characterization Poster of a Major Character – Create a visually appealing poster (at least 8 ½ “x 14”, but no more than a half sheet poster board) that reflects your impression of a major character. Draw, paint, or copy and paste a large, vivid picture that represents how YOU visualize a major character in the novel. On the back, explain in one paragraph (at least 5-7 sentences) what you are representing and how it is relevant in your poster. Written portions must be typed and attached on back.

c. Compile a Scrapbook or Memory Box – Choose one of the major characters in your book and, as that person, put together a scrapbook or memory box of special memories and mementoes. Letter, photographs, post cards, and souvenirs are all good items for the memory box and can be easily created. Think about whom your character is close to and what he/she does for fun. Remember this should represent your chosen character! Draw, create, collect or find at least six souvenirs that the main character would have put into their scrapbook or memory box. These objects should reflect events in the story or important aspects of your character. Include an explanation next to or with each object describing its significance. Be true to your character!

d. Character Analysis Paper – For a successful character analysis you must infer abstract traits and values from the literal details contained in a text. Write a five paragraph essay analyzing the main character of your novel. Using evidence from the text to support your conclusions, describe at least three significant personality traits for this character. For each trait you discuss, you must include at least two supporting examples or details. Explore the physical and personality traits of different characters and the way their actions affect the plot of the book.

Some suggestions are:

- What positive characteristics does the character possess?
- Does the character have a “fatal flaw”?
- Use examples of dialogue and analyze the way a character speaks. Discuss the words he/she chooses and the way the words affect other characters.
- Tie all of your observations together and explain the way this particular character moves the plot forward.