



Amherst Middle School English Department Summer Reading Assignment

The summer is a crucial time for students to continue cultivating their reading skills. All students entering grades 6, 7, and 8 must read **two books** over the summer. Students are encouraged to select two books they are interested in as well as books that will challenge them.

When students resume classes in the fall, they will be assessed on the books they read over the summer. Students need to complete **both** of the provided graphic organizers, **one for each** of the books selected. They are also encouraged to keep their own notes about important information (events, characters, setting, etc.).

It is recommended, *although not required*, for students to select one fiction book and one nonfiction book (e.g., biography, autobiography, etc.). Under the state standards, students will also be challenged to read books in the 955-1155 Lexile range (a tool to measure a text's complexity).

It is possible to search for books by Lexile level at Barnes and Noble's website:

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/reading-level-reading-books-lexile/search.asp>

Popular adolescent books can be found with descriptions at:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/adolescent-literature>

We would ask that students **refrain** from reading the books listed below and select two other novels to enjoy.

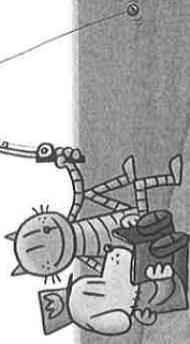
- **Grade 6** *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan, *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *Hoot* by Carl Hiaassen, and *Crispin* by Avi.
- **Grade 7** English students: *A Long Walk to Water*, by Linda Sue Park and *A Tale Dark and Grimm*, by Adam Grizwitz.
- **Grade 8** English: *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, *Of Mice and Men*, by John Steinbeck, and *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, by L. Frank Baum, and *Daniel's Story*, by Carol Matas.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

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Take a Reading Adventure

2017 SUMMER READING BOOK LIST



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AGES 8-10 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *A Snicker of Magic*, Natalie Lloyd
- *American Girl: Gabriela*, Teresa E. Harris
- *Allie, First at Last*, Angela Cervantes
- *Crenshaw*, Katherine Applegate
- *DC Comics Secret Hero Society: Four Solitude*, Derek Fridolfs (Author) & Dustin Nguyen (Illustrator)
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down*, Jeff Kinney
- *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen*, Rachel Renee Russell
- *Captain Underpants* series, Dav Pilkey
- *Gerónimo Siltón* series, Gerónimo Siltón
- *Genie's Leap to Greatness*, Kate Beasley (Author) & Jillian Tamaki (Illustrator)
- *Goosebumps* series, R.L. Stine
- *The Harlem Charade*, Kaitaaha Tapley
- *Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor: An Abolitionist Tale about Harriet Tubman*, Nathan Hale
- *I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters*, Lauren Tarshis
- *A New Class (Star Wars Jedi Academy #4)*, Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- *Last Kids on Earth* series, Douglas Holgate (Author) & Max Brallier (Illustrator)
- *Me and Marvin Gardens*, Amy Sang King
- *Pat*, Douglas Holgate (Author) & Max Brallier (Illustrator)
- *Revenge of the Happy Campers*, Jennifer Ziegler
- *Save Me a Seat*, Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*, Kelly Barnhill
- *Upside-Down Magic: Showing Off*, Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, & Emily Jenkins
- *Whatever After* series, Sarah Mlynowski
- *Wonder*, R.J. Palacio
- *Zoe in Wonderland*, Brinda Woods

AGES 11-13 (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *A Night Divided*, Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Amulet* series, Kazu Kibuishi
- *Booked*, Kwame Alexander
- *Donut Go Breaking My Heart*, Suzanne Nelson
- *Froglisters!*, Garth Hix
- *Full Cicada Moon*, Marilyn Hilton
- *Foxcraft Series*, Inbal Iserles
- *Harry Potter* series, JK Rowling
- *Horizon: Book 1*, Scott Westerfeld
- *Pieces of Why*, K.L. Going
- *Prisoner of War: A Novel of World War II*, Michael P. Spradlin
- *Raymie Nightingale*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Reformed*, Justin Weinberger
- *Restart*, Gordon Korman
- *Riding Chance*, Christine Kendall
- *Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection*, Matt Dembicki
- *Scar Island*, Dan Gemeinhart
- *Seafina and the Twisted Staff*, Robert Beatty
- *Shadow House: You Can't Hide*, Dan Pobiacki
- *Smile*, Raina Telgemeier
- *The Baby-Sitters Club* series, Ann M. Martin
- *The Warden's Daughter*, Jerry Spinelli
- *Trials of Apollo* series, Rick Riordan
- *Wings of Fire* series, Tui T. Sutherland
- *Wolf Hollow*, Lauren Wolk

Young Adult (By Title, Author & Illustrator)

- *All American Boys*, Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely
- *Backlash*, Sarah Darer Littman
- *Challenger Deep*, Neal Shusterman
- *Embassy Row* series, Aly Carter
- *Everland*, Wendy Spinale
- *Exo*, Fonda Lee
- *Forgetting*, Sharon Cameron
- *Irena's Children*, Tilar J. Mazzeo
- *If I Was Your Girl*, Meredith Russo
- *If I Ever Get Out of Here*, Eric Ganaworth
- *Just Another Girl*, Elizabeth Eulberg
- *Last Descendants (Assassin's Creed series)*, Matthew J. Kirby
- *March* series, Andrew Aydin & John Lewis
- *Night Witches*, Kathryn Lasky
- *Overturned*, Lamar Giles
- *Scythe*, Neal Shusterman
- *Salt to the Sea*, Ruta Sepetys
- *Secret Language of Sisters*, Luanne Rice
- *Tales of the Peculiar*, Ransom Riggs
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom*, Lynda Blackmon Lowery
- *The Hunger Games* series, Suzanne Collins
- *The Raven Cycle* series, Maggie Stiefvater
- *The Sun Is Also a Star*, Nicola Yoon
- *Two Summers*, Aimee Freidman
- *Velocity*, Chris Wooding

BOOK LIST KEY

Series

Featured Author

Also in Spanish

Visit scholastic.com/summer for summer reading tips and activities!

A list of suggested adjectives for you to use when completing the graphic organizers:

Active	Compassionate	Nervous
Adventurous	Courageous	Obedient
Affectionate	Curious	Optimistic
Ambitious	Dependable	Persevering
Angry	Eager	Responsible
Anxious	Enthusiastic	Secretive
Argumentative	Generous	Superstitious
Bossy	Honest	Talented
Brilliant	Impulsive	Thoughtful
Capable	Independent	Timid
Cautious	Lonely	Trusting
Clever	Malicious	Trustworthy



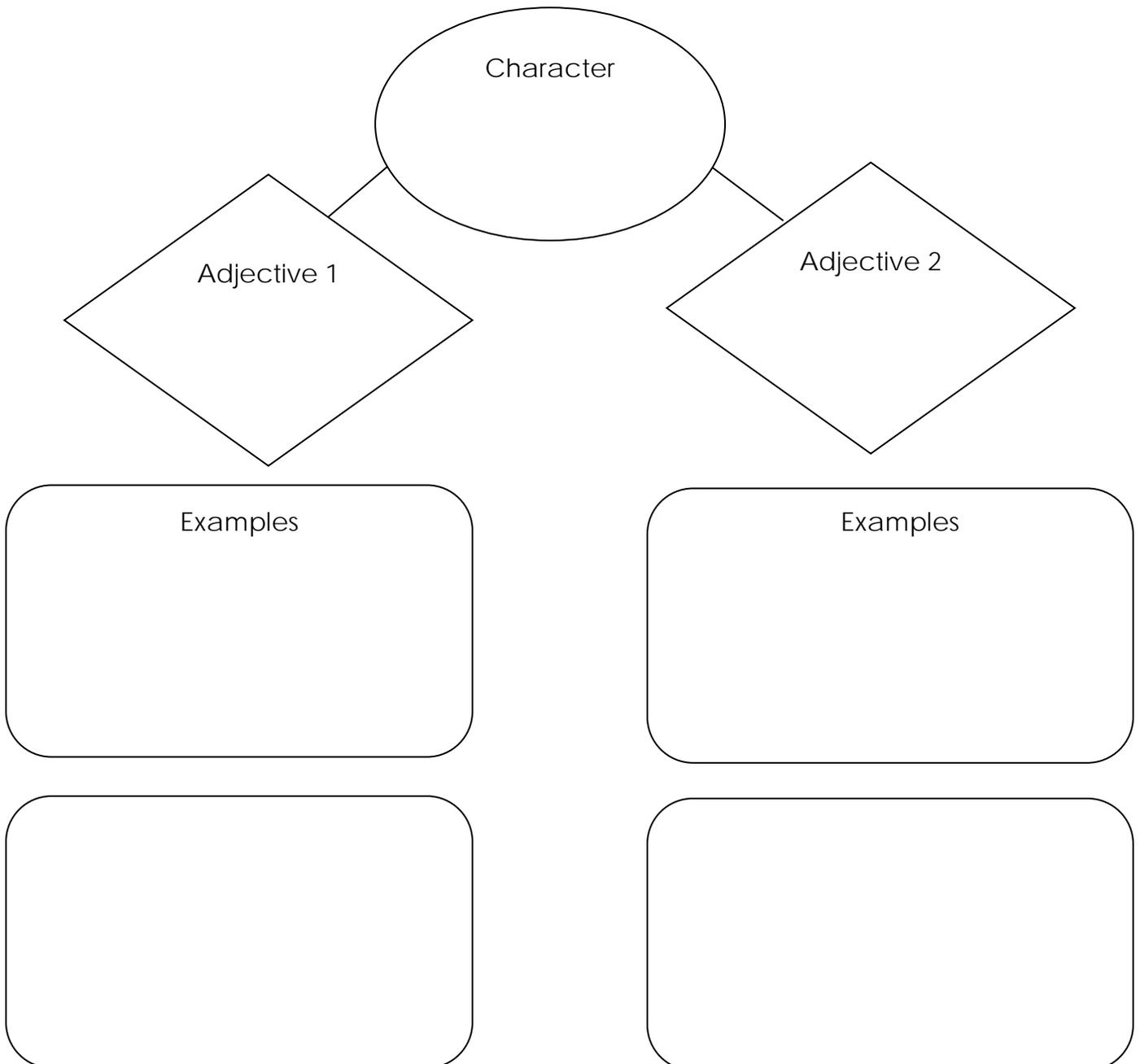
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Directions: Place the main character's name in the oval. Choose 2 adjectives that describe his/her personality and add them in the diamonds. Use bullets to give **specific examples** of how he/she shows that personality trait in the rectangles.



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