

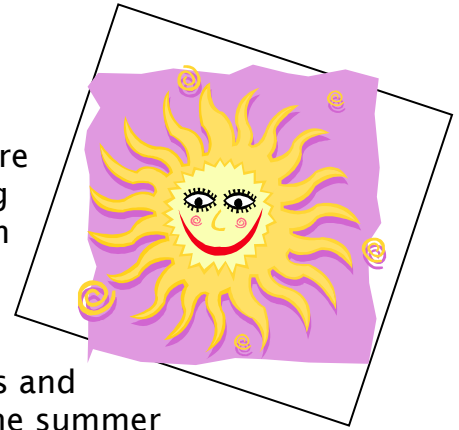
Heritage Middle School Horizon Summer Reading  
(Notice: This is in addition to the school's summer reading list.)

Dear Middle School Students,

We hope you have plans for a wonderful summer and that some of those plans include reading great books! To help prepare you for next year, we ask that you complete the summer reading assignment. You are asked to read at least one book per horizon class this summer, according to the guidelines below.

Horizon classes are designed for highly motivated, independent learners who are ready to accept higher levels of learning. Summer reading will address students' choice of books and interests along with building reading stamina. Reading during the summer provides independent learning, personal responsibility, time management, and task commitment in order to continue active learning year-long.

See you at the beginning of the year!



**Your choice of books may be fiction/nonfiction of any genre. To receive horizon credit, you may read one book per horizon class on any subject from the books listed at the following website:**

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading\\_lists.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm)

**Make sure that your book is in the suggested Lexile target range and check your book at <http://www.lexile.com> .**

**Target Lexile – Grades 6-8: 925-1185 (You may read above the Lexile target but not below.)**

**These response sheets below are due two weeks after school begins. Turn the printed and completed summer reading responses in to one of the horizon teachers who will make sure you receive your summer reading point(s). For the book(s) that you read (one per gifted class) and the accompanied response, you may earn one point per class for the first grading period.**

**Print out the following pages for EACH BOOK, complete, and have your parent/guardian sign.**

**If you have any questions, send an email to [bcarlock.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:bcarlock.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us) , [pokeefe.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:pokeefe.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us), [kreeves.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:kreeves.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us), [dmontgomery.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:dmontgomery.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us), or [bchappellear.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us](mailto:bchappellear.hms@catoosa.k12.ga.us) and be prepared to participate in novel discussions when school begins.**



**Book format: Why do you think the author chose this title? Explain the book cover. Why were the graphics, awards, images, etc. chosen for the cover? Explain the format of chapters, headings, acts/scenes if it is a play, illustrations, etc.?**

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**Explain the author's craft or the way it was written. Choose one or more of the following to discuss: tone, point of view, figurative language, or sentence structure.**

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**Choose one quote from the book/novel/play/biography. Write it with quotation marks around the quote and explain why this is a significant quote in the book.**

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**By signing this, I am stating that I read this book this summer and answered the questions with guided or no assistance.**

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**(For any additional books, print out an additional response sheets from the horizon link of the school's website or teacher's websites.)**