

Sagamore's Summer Reading Assignment

1. Read one of the books listed in this pamphlet.
2. Take notes as you read. Sample graphic organizers are listed on Sagamore's website.
3. While taking notes, focus on the following

Fiction

- Identify the Setting.
- Describe the protagonist (main character) - pick one trait the protagonist possessed and give 2 examples from the story where he/she displayed this trait.
- Explain how the character trait helped/hindered the character in overcoming the conflict.
- Describe the ending of the story.

Nonfiction

- Identify the historical time period.
 - Describe the historical/real life figure- pick one trait the figure possessed and give 2 events where he/she displayed this trait.
 - Describe the problem that the historical/real life figure had to overcome.
 - Explain how the trait helped/hindered the character in overcoming the problem.
 - Describe the ending of the book/resolution of the problem.
4. Bring notes to class on **September 6th**. Your ELA teacher will be giving you a writing assignment to complete in class in September.

Fiction

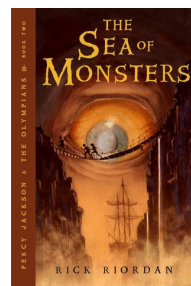
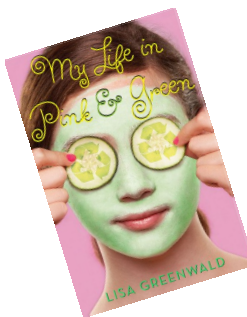
The Hypnotists by Gordon Korman



Jackson Opus has always been persuasive, but he doesn't know that he's descended from the two most powerful hypnotist bloodlines on the planet. He's excited to be accepted into a special program at the Sentia Institute -- but when he realizes he's in over his head, Jackson will have to find a way to use his powers to save his friends, his parents, and his government.

My Life in Pink and Green by Lisa Greenwald

Twelve-year-old Lucy Desberg is a natural problem solver. After the local homecoming queen shows up at her family's struggling drug-store with a beauty disaster that Lucy helps to fix, Lucy has a long line of makeover customers for every school dance and bat mitzvah. But all the makeup tips in the world won't help save the pharmacy. If only she could find a way to make the pharmacy the center of town again, a place where people want to spend time, like in the old days. Lucy dreams up a solution that could resuscitate the family business and help the environment, too. But will Lucy's family stop fighting long enough to listen to a seventh-grader?



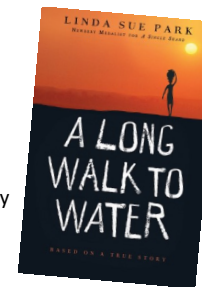
The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan

The heroic son of Poseidon makes an action-packed comeback in the second must-read installment of Rick Riordan's amazing young readers series. Starring Percy Jackson, a "half blood" whose mother is human and whose father is the God of the Sea, Riordan's series combines cliffhanger adventure and Greek mythology lessons that results in true page-turners that get better with each installment. In this episode, The Sea of Monsters, Percy sets out to retrieve the Golden

Nonfiction

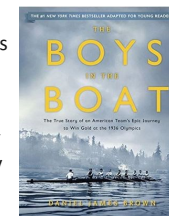
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

The *New York Times* bestseller *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.



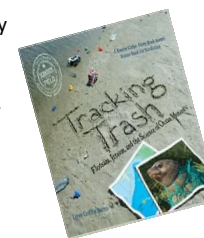
The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation): The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics by Daniel James Brown

For readers of *Unbroken*, out of the depths of the Great Depression comes the astonishing tale of nine working-class boys from the American West who at the 1936 Olympics showed the world what true grit really meant. With rowers who were the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.



Tracking Trash Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion by Loree Griffin Burns

From sneakers to hockey gloves, Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer monitors the watery fate of human-made cargo that has spilled into the ocean. The information he collects is much more than casual news; it is important scientific data. And with careful analysis, Curt, along with a community of scientists, friends, and beachcombers alike, is using his data to understand and protect our ocean.



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Don't forget about the Summer Reading Contest!

In addition to our mandatory summer reading list, we are also offering readers the Summer Reading Contest. The Summer Reading Contest is a great way to connect with other readers and read what you want at your own pace. You can also win prizes as well as participate in some fun activities in the Fall! Happy Reading!

Visit Sagamore's website for more information on our Summer Reading Contest!

Please contact Jennifer Schroeder, Sagamore's English Department Chairperson with any questions regarding summer reading.

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Fiction



The Prince of Mist by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Max and Alicia Carver enlist the help of their friend Roland to explore the circumstances surrounding the mysterious haunting of a spirit named Jacob, the previous owner's son who drowned; but their search uncovers a sinister character who returns from beyond in order to collect a debt from the past.

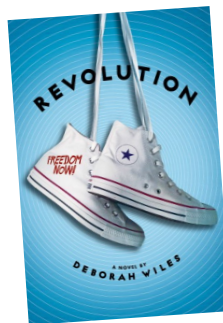
Bill Pennant, Babe Ruth, and Me by Timothy Tocher

At the start of the 1920 baseball season, 16-year-old Hank Cobb is assigned to train the New York Giants' new mascot, a Mexican wildcat named Bill Pennant. Bill's not too trainable, though, even with the help of sardines and mice. And if Hank can't handle a cat, how can he handle his next charge, an undisciplined slugger for the Yankees named Babe Ruth? Ruth's manager asks Hank to keep an eye on Ruth, and since both teams play at the same stadium, it's doable. But is it wise? A disastrous "road trip" to Coney Island lands both Babe and Hank in hot water with their respective managers.



Revolution by Deborah Wiles

It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi, are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer. Mean-while, Sunny can't help but feel like her house is being invaded, too. She has a new stepmother, a new brother, and a new sister crowding her life, giving her little room to breathe. And things get even trickier when Sunny and her brother are caught sneaking into the local swimming pool -- where they bump into a



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Vertical by Janet Eoff



Skateboarder Josh Lowman witnesses one of the best skateboarders in town (the local bully) commit a crime. For days he agonizes over whether to tell anyone. Meanwhile, his friendships with a fellow skater (who is debating whether to drop out of school), a beautiful girl in his class (who loves to read, and seems to like Josh), and a cool math tutor (a college student who skates) slowly shape Josh into the person he is meant to be.

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

Thirteen-year-old Steven has a totally normal life: he plays drums in the All-Star Jazz band, has a crush on the hottest girl in the school, and is constantly annoyed by his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey. But when Jeffrey is diagnosed with leukemia, Steven's world is turned upside down. He is forced to deal with his brother's illness and his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece. Salted with humor and peppered with devastating realities, Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pies is a heartwarming journey through a year in the life of a family in crisis.

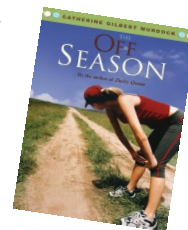


Counting by Sevens by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

The Off Season by Catherine Gilbert Murdock

High school junior D.J. staggers under the weight of caring for her badly injured brother, her responsibilities on the dairy farm, a changing relationship with her friend Brian, and her own athletic aspirations.



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Cinder by Marissa Meyer

Cinder, a gifted mechanic, is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an inter-galactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction.



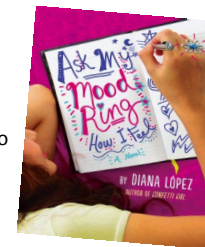
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer

When Hope and her aunt move to small-town Wisconsin to take over the local diner, Hope's not sure what to expect. But what they find is that the owner, G.T., isn't quite ready to give up yet - in fact, he's decided to run for mayor against a corrupt candidate. And as Hope starts to make her place at the diner, she also finds herself caught up in G.T.'s campaign.



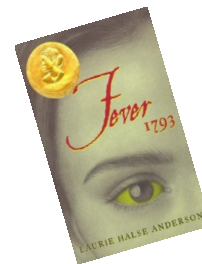
Ask My Mood Ring How I Feel by Diana Lopez

It's the summer before eighth grade, and Erica "Chia" Montenegro is feeling so many things that she needs a mood ring to keep track of her emotions. She's happy when she hangs out with her best friends, the Robins. She's jealous that her genius little sister skipped two grades. And she's passionate about the crushes on her Boyfriend Wish list. And when Erica's mom is diagnosed with breast cancer, she feels worried and doesn't know what she can do to help.



Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of



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Slated by Teri Terry

Kyla's memory has been erased, her personality wiped blank, her memories lost for ever. She's been Slated.

The government claims she was a terrorist and that they are giving her a second chance - as long as she plays by their rules. But echoes of the past whisper in Kyla's mind. Someone is lying to her, and nothing is as it seems. Who can she trust in her search for the truth?



Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. In just a few weeks she'll have the operation that will turn her from a repellent ugly into a stunning pretty. And as a pretty, she'll be catapulted into a high-tech paradise where her only job is to have fun.

But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to become a pretty. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world-- and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally a choice: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. Tally's choice will change her world forever...



Unstoppable by Tim Green

Inspired by interviews with real-life cancer survivors and insider sports experience, this unforgettable *New York Times* bestseller shows a brave boy who learns what it truly means to be unstoppable. As National Ambassador for Young People's Literature emeritus Jon Scieszka said, *Unstoppable* is "absolutely heroic, and something every guy should read." If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing in the NFL is a longshot. Then Harrison is brought into a new home with kind, loving parents—his new dad is even a football coach. Harrison's big build and his incredible determination quickly make him a star running back on the junior high school team. On the field, he's practically unstoppable. But Harrison's good luck can't last forever. When a routine sports injury leads to a devastating diagnosis, it will take every ounce of Harrison's determination not to give up for good.