

## TPS Summer Reading – Students Entering 6th Grade

Summer is the perfect time to sit back, relax, and read a good book, or two! While you are enjoying your summer vacation be sure to read at least **one** fiction book of your choice. Listed below are some fantastic stories that you might enjoy. Check it out, and if any of those books seems like a good fit for you, read it! If not, you can visit your local library or bookstore to find the perfect book to enjoy this summer. After you have finished the book, you will complete **one** journal response to bring with you when you return to school in August. Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

### ***Suggested Books***

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Nothing but the Truth by Avi  
Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt  
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie  
Strider by Beverly Cleary  
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements  
My Brother Sam is Dead by James Collier  
Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech  
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech  
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis  
The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd  
Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin van Draanen  
The City of Ember by Jeanna Duprau  
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman  
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton  
Savvy by Ingrid Law  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine  
White Fang by Jack London

The Giver by Lois Lowry  
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry  
The Big Field by Mike Lupica  
Heat by Mike Lupica  
Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell  
The Island by Gary Paulsen  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen  
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen  
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson  
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck  
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls  
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan  
Percy Jackson & the Olympians by Rick Riordan  
The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muroz Ryan  
The Invention of Hugo Cabrera by Brian Selznick  
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli  
Wringer by Jerry Spinelli  
Loser by Jerry Spinelli  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

## ***Journal Response***

Choose one of the prompts listed below to write a journal entry based on the book you chose to read this summer.

1. What was the problem or conflict of your book? Which characters were involved? How was the problem or conflict solved? Be sure to use details from the story in your response.
2. Describe a minor character in your book. Identify the character by name and describe him/her. What is the character's part in the story? How does this character feel about the main character and vice-versa? Use examples from the story in your response.
3. Who is the main character in your book? What is this character like? Tell the character's name, age, appearance, friends, personality, and problems.
4. What do you think of the title of your book? Is it a good title? Does it fit your book? Why do you think the author chose this title? Explain how the title fits the book, or make up a better title and tell why the new title is better suited to the story.
5. How did the main character in your book change or grow from the beginning to end? Be sure to provide examples from the story that demonstrate this character change.
6. What caused the story to end the way it did: the character's luck, hard work, skill, or a bright idea? What lesson can you take away from the story?

