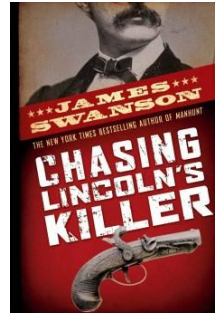
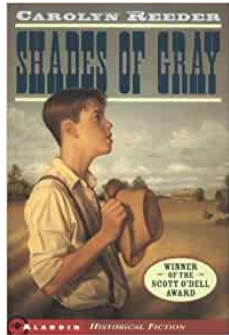


Entering 7th Grade Summer Reading

For incoming seventh graders, please purchase a notebook to use as a reading journal for both the fiction and nonfiction books. Below are instructions for journal entries depending on whether the book is fiction or nonfiction.

For students entering the seventh grade, the required reading is *Shades of Gray* by Carolyn Reeder and *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*.



FICTION

As you read the novel, record the following information in your journal for each reading session.

1. The date of the journal entry
2. The page numbers that you read on that day.
3. Setting
4. Characters: names and descriptions if they are new and any change to a character
5. Main events (especially the event that changes the main character)
6. Your response to what you have read in the session. For example, why is the event significant to the story or what do you think will happen next or what do you think of a character or why you liked some particular description?

NONFICTION

Keep a journal while you read the nonfiction and record the following information for each journal entry:

1. The date of the journal entry
2. The page numbers that you read on that day.
3. A very brief summary (2 to 3 sentences) on what you read
4. Your reaction to or opinion about what you read.

Each journal entry should be no less than one full page and no more than two. Please skip a blank line between each of the numbered sections above. When writing events, summaries, and responses, please use complete sentences with correct punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.

You need to turn in your reading journal on the first day of school.