

Grade 7 Summer Writing 2019

Essential Question:

What am I trying to achieve in my summer writing essay?

ELA-LITERACY.W.7.2

Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.

ELA-LITERACY.W.7.4

Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

ELA-LITERACY.W.7.9

Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Assignment:

For your Writing Workshop summer assignment for my class, you will take notes to answer a question for **ONE of your chosen books** from Mrs. Breur's Reading Workshop list. Students are required to take notes *while reading*, typed or handwritten on notebook paper, to help answer the chosen essay question. All notes are due on the first day of school. You are also required to bring your summer reading book to class during the first weeks of school to help you when writing the essay.

When we come back at the end of summer, **you will write ONE essay as a response**. Choose one question for your essay — fiction or non-fiction — depending on which book you'd like to write about in your essay. Again, you are only writing **ONE** essay, so do not take notes to answer both fiction and non-fiction questions.

If you have questions about your note taking, you may email me at:

laurakuehlke@easternchristian.org

If you prefer to use a graphic organizer for your notes, the following link will take you to an assortment from which you may choose to complete your notes:

<http://www.dailyteachingtools.com/language-arts-graphic-organizers.html>

You will be given the essay requirements when we return to school after summer vacation. Your essay will be typed and turned in on Google Classroom during the first few weeks of school, so do not begin writing your essay over the summer.

Grade 7 Summer Writing Response Questions

****Choose one. Be sure to choose correctly depending on whether you plan to write about your fiction or non-fiction book.***

Reader Response Question for Fiction

1. What is the main theme of the book? Be sure to include examples and quotes (with page numbers) to support your answer. (Theme: The **theme** in a story is its underlying message, or 'big idea.' In other words, what critical belief about life is the author trying to convey in the writing of a novel? This belief, or idea, is usually universal in nature. When a theme is universal, it touches on the human experience, regardless of race or language. It is what the story means. Often, a piece of writing will have more than one theme.)

Reader Response Questions for Nonfiction

1. What is the main idea of your book? Be sure to have three details (with page numbers) to support the main idea.

2. For biography: Was there a lesson that could be taken away from this person's life? What was it, and why is it important? Include details (with page numbers) from the book to support your answer. **Note**: If you choose to write about a biography you read over the summer, you must answer this question.