

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reading over the summer is incredibly important for students and their academic achievement. Numerous studies indicate that **students who do not read or read infrequently during the summer months see their reading abilities stagnate or decline**. The goal of our summer reading assignment is to encourage the valuable habit of reading through books that will spark curiosity, humor, and interests which will keep your child reading.

### **Your Summer Assignment**

1. All incoming **Grade 7** students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School are encouraged to read **one novel** this summer. Students can either:
  - a. Choose a novel of their choice, **or**
  - b. Select one of 2 novels that are on hold at the Lodi Library:
    - Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
    - The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan
2. Choose **2 characters** from your book and complete a **Character Collage** for **each** character:
  - a. **1 Main Character**
  - b. **1 Minor Character** or **1 “bad guy”/antagonist**.
3. Completed work will count as **extra points** towards the first marking period.

### **How to Make a Character Collage**

<b>Option 1 - Use Paper</b> <b>Sample: see attached</b>	<b>Option 2 - Use the Computer</b> <b>Sample: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y6gtsdnm">https://tinyurl.com/y6gtsdnm</a></b>
Staple 2 pieces of paper together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tip: You can use the front and back of each piece if you need to</li> </ul>	Open a New Google Slides file
Write the name of a character in the middle of the page <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Example - Auggie</li> </ul>	Title Slide: Your Name + Character Collage for (Book Title) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Example: <b>Meredith Alvaro Character Collage for Stargirl</b></li> </ul>
Draw a picture or print a picture of the character and glue in the center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Example - A picture of Auggie from the movie</li> </ul>	Next Slide: Name of Character with picture of the character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tip: Google Image Search</li> </ul>
Choose 4 of the <b>best</b> quotes that really reveal/show who the character is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ex - “I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives”- <b>page 231</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Write or type</b> each quote neatly in the 4 corners of the page</p>	Next Slide: Choose 4 of the <b>best</b> quotes that really reveal/show who the character is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ex - “I think there should be a rule that everyone in the world should get a standing ovation at least once in their lives”- <b>page 231</b>)</li> </ul> <p>Next Slide: List Words/Phrases that describe your character</p>

<p>Add words/phrases that describe the character: Ex) Friendly, Courageous, Stubborn, etc</p> <p>Add pictures/objects that are meaningful to the character: Lightsaber, helmet, Daisy the dog, etc.</p>	<p>Next Slide: Pictures/objects that match your character (what they love, what they wear, what they care about, etc.)</p>
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### **How You Will Be Graded**

	<b>Not yet approaching expectations 1 point</b>	<b>Approached expectations 2 points</b>	<b>Met expectations 3 points</b>	<b>Exceeded expectations 4 points</b>
Included 2 characters (1 main and 1 minor/antagonist)	Did not complete the project as assigned	The overall project included 2 characters, both main OR The project only included 1 character	The overall project included 2 characters (1 major, 1 minor or 1 antagonist)	The overall project included 3 or more characters (Extra credit!)
The project included 4 well chosen quotes with page numbers	0-1 quotes with page numbers.	2-3 quotes with page numbers.	4 generally well chosen quotes with page numbers.	4 or more consistently well chosen quotes with page numbers.
The project included 4 or more words/phrases that describe each character	0-1 words/phrases that describe the character	2-3 words/phrases that describe the character	4 words/phrases that describe the character	5 or more words/phrases that describe the character
The project included 3 or more objects that match the character	0-1 objects for the character	2 objects somewhat match the character	3 objects that generally match the character	4 or more objects that represent important symbols for the character
The project is neat and easy to read/view	Project was completed with little or no effort.	Project is somewhat neat, but might have a few parts that are confusing or hard to read	Project is neat, generally with few errors	Project is neat, easy to read, and shows lots of creativity

Have a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Grade 7 Language Arts Teachers

