

Summer Reading Assignment for 7th Grade



Assignment is **DUE** the first day of school.

Book Title: Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul (Volume 1)

Authors: Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Hansen, Irene Dunlap

Required Stories:

- Run with It, Susan Overton
- Shining Down, Michael Kavalinas
- The Forgotten Friend, Judith Burnett Schneider
- My Best Enemy, Dakota Lane
- The First Day of Middle School, Patty Hansen
- Walking With Grandpa, Uncle Greg
- Taking A Stand, Irene Dunlap

Literature Assignment: This piece is to be turned in to Mrs. Smith. Answer the following questions for each of the stories from the required reading list. Make sure to write complete sentences and use proper grammar and spelling.

1. In your own words, state the main idea of each story. (7 stories = 7 main ideas; one for each)

2A. What are the three most important things you learned after reading all of the stories?
(not 3 for each story but 3 total)

B. Tell why each thing you learned was important to you.

English Assignment: This piece is to be turned in to Mrs. daSilva. Write a personal narrative of your own.

Personal Narrative: All of the stories you have read are personal narratives. A Personal Narrative is a form of writing in which the writer relates an event, incident, or experience in his or her own life. The events of a personal narrative are most often presented in chronological order, the order in which they actually occurred in time. The personal narrative incorporates vivid descriptive details as well as the thoughts, feelings, and reactions of the writer.



You may **handwrite** (cursive preferably) or **type** your composition.

If typing: 12 point font, double-space, Times New Roman

If handwritten: 1 inch margins on both sides of paper, only write on the front side of the paper

Questions?: Contact Mrs. daSilva (English) jdasilva@acushnet.k12.ma.us

Contact Mrs. Smith (literature) bsmith@acushnet.k12.ma.us

Dear Seventh Graders, Parents, and Guardians,

There is a required summer reading assignment for English Language Arts. The book title is listed on the assignment page; please note that there are many volumes and we are asking for the first volume, specifically, the preteen version. The assignments will encourage the practice of writing and in-depth thought. There will be discussions and follow through with the assignments in September.

The book is available at local book stores, but can be found for as little as 1¢ on Amazon.com. There is a small shipping and handling charge. You may also get the book from the library. It can be reserved online at www.sailsinc.org.

The assignment will be posted via the school website and extra copies will be available at the Ford Middle School main office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. daSilva and Mrs. Smith

Your ELA 7th grade teachers