

Saint James Middle School  
2017-2018  
Summer Reading

Seventh Grade

SAINT JAMES MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

Reading Program

2017-2018

The reading program at Saint James Middle School is designed to broaden our students' knowledge of good literature and to provide them additional background for the coming school year. We encourage our students to read and to discuss the texts that are read. Research has shown consistent connections between proficiency with reading comprehension and certain activities, for example:

- The availability of reading material in the home.
- Parental modeling of good reading habits.
- Reading and/or being read to regularly for enjoyment.
- Discussing what you have read with someone or otherwise responding to what you have read.

Our ultimate goal is to encourage students to read appropriate selections that can challenge and improve their reading comprehension. We believe our summer reading program will help our students reach this goal while also providing them with a greater appreciation for reading. We hope each student will find these reading assignments will enhance his/her summer experience.

JB Copeland

## **SEVENTH GRADE**

**The 7th grade summer reading consist of 2 components.**

### **1. All upcoming seventh graders will read Hatchet by Gary Paulsen**

A set of study questions are attached at the end of this packet.. Although the questions will not be taken up as a grade, the teachers highly encourage you to complete these questions since they will help you prepare for the quiz you will take at the beginning of the school year. It might be a good idea to read this second, so it is fresh on your mind for the quiz.

### **2. Choose your own summer reading!**

Pick ONE book you would like to read from the attached list. If you have a book you would like to read that is not on the list you may ask for approval from Mr. Copeland.

Choose from adventure, sports, biography, or animal stories and enjoy the reading!!!

Seventh graders will select **ONE book** from the list below for their summer reading. Each student will need to type or neatly hand-write a brief report including the following things:

- Title and Author
- A paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the setting
- A paragraph (at least 5 sentences) describing the main character
- A paragraph (at least 5 sentences) explaining the main problem and how it is resolved

This will be due no later than August 14, 2017 and will count as a quiz grade in Vocabulary class.

## SUMMER READING LIST

### GRADES 7

Alcott, L.M.	Little Women
Alexander, Lloyd	The Chronicles of Prydain (five titles)
Armstrong, Alan	Whittington
Armstrong, William	Souder
Avi	Beyond the Western Sea
Avi	Crispin: At the Edge of the World
Avi	Crispin: The End of the World
Avi	Crispin: The End of Time
Avi	Hard Gold
Avi	The Book Without Words
Avi	Poppy's Return
Avi	The Mayor of Central Park
Avi	The Traitor's Gate
Avi	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
Babbitt, N.	Tuck Everlasting
Balliett, Blue	The Calder Game
Balliett, Blue	Chasing Vermeer
Balliett, Blue	The Wright 3
Barry, Dave	Peter and the Shadow Thieves
Barry Dave	Peter and the Starcatchers
Bauer, Joan	Hope was Here
Bauer, Joan	Almost Home
Bauer, Joan	Stand Tall
Baum, L. Frank	The Wizard of Oz
Birdsall, Jeanne	The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of...
Blatchford, Claire	Nick's Secret
Blos, Joan	A Gathering of Days
Bowler, Tim	Firmament
Bowler, Tim	River Boy
Brink, Carol Ryrie	Caddie Woodlawn
Brooks, Bruce	The Moves Make the Man
Burnett, F. H.	The Secret Garden
Burnett, Frances H.	A Little Princess
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Byng, Georgia	Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism
Carlson, Natalie Savage	The Family Under the Bridge
Carman, Patrick	Beyond the Valley of Thorns
Carter, F.	The Education of Little Tree
Choldenko, Gennifer	Al Capone Does My Shirts
Christopher, Matt	Stealing Home

Cleary, Beverly	Dear Mr. Henshaw
Clements, Andrew	Room One: A Mystery or Two
Clements, Andrew	Lunch Money
Clements, Andrew	The Last Holiday Concert
Clements, Andrew	The Report Card
Clements, Andrew	Things Hoped For
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl Files
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Lost Colony
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Opal Deception
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Time Paradox
Colfer, Eoin	Artemis Fowl: The Atlantis Complex
Colfer, Eoin	Half-Moon Investigations
Colfer, Eoin	The Supernaturalist
Collier, James Lincoln	My Brother Sam is Dead
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Marks of Secret
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander
Collins, Suzanne	Gregor and the Code of Claw
Conly, Jane Leslie	Crazy Lady
Cooper, Susan	Greenwitch
Cooper, Susan	Over Sea, Under Stone
Cooper, Susan	Silver on the Tree
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising
Cooper, Susan	The Grey King
Creech, Sharon	Absolutely Normal Chaos
Creech, Sharon	Bloomability
Creech, Sharon	Chasing Redbird
Creech, Sharon	Granny Torrelli Makes Soup
Creech, Sharon	Heartbeat
Creech, Sharon	Pleasing the Ghost
Creech, Sharon	Replay
Creech, Sharon	Ruby Holler
Creech, Sharon	The Castle Corona
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Elijah of Buxton
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons go to Birmingham
Cushman, Karen	Catherine, Called Birdy
Delaney, Joseph	The Last Apprentice series
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux
DiCamillo, Kate	Flora & Ulysses
Dodge, M.	Hans Brinker
Doyle, Arthur Conan	The Adventure of Sherlock Holmes
duBois, William Pene	The Twenty-One Balloons
DuPrau, Jeanne	The City of Ember

DuPrau, Jeanne	The People of Sparks
DuPrau, Jeanne	The Prophet of Yonwood
DuPrau, Jeanne	Diamond of Darkhold
Eckert, Allan	Incident at Hawk's Hill
Enright, Elizabeth	Gone Away Lake
Enright, Elizabeth	The Melendy Quartet (4 titles)
Enright, Elizabeth	Thimble Summer
Estes, Eleanor	Ginger Pye
Farley, Walter	The Black Stallion
Flanagan, John	The Ranger's Apprentice series
Fleischman, Sid	The Whipping Boy
Fox, Paula	The One-Eyed Cat
Fox, Paula	The Slave Dancer
Fox, Paula	Monkey Island
Fradin, Dennis Brindell	My Family Shall Be Free: The Life of Peter Still
Frank, Anne	The Diary of A Young Girl
Freeman, Russell	Life and Death of Crazy Horse
Funke, Cornelia	Igraine the Brave
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart
Funke, Cornelia	Inkspell
Funke, Cornelia	Inkdeath
Gantos, Jack	Dead End in
Norvelt	
Gantos, Jack	From Norvelt to
Nowhere	
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves
George, Jean Craighead	My Side of the Mountain
George, Jean Craighead	On the Far Side of the Mountain
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Lily's Crossing
Gilbreth, Frank	Cheaper by the Dozen
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Green, Tim	Lost Boy
Green, Tim	Pinch Hit
Green, Tim	Unstoppable
Green, Tim	Deep Zone
Green, Tim	Rivals
Green, Tim	The Big Time
Green, Tim	Football Champ
Green, Tim	Football Genius
Greene, Bette	Philip Hall Likes Me I Reckon Maybe
Greene, Bette	Summer of My German Soldier
Grogan, John	Marley and Me
Gutman, Dan	Abner & Me
Gutman, Dan	Satch & Me
Gutman, Dan	Ted & Me
Gutman, Dan	Roberto & Me
Gutman, Dan	Ray & Me

Gutman, Dan	Jim & Me
Gutman, Dan	Mickey & Me
Gutman, Dan	Shoeless Joe & Me
Gutman, Dan	Babe & Me
Gutman, Dan	Jackie & Me
Gutman, Dan	Honus & Me
Gutman, Dan	The Homework Machine
Hale, Shannon	Book of a Thousand Days
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy: Palace of Stone
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters
Hale, Shannon	River Secrets
Hale, Shannon	The Goose Girl
Hamilton, Virginia	The Planet of Junior Brown
Hartman, Rachel	Seraphina
Henry, Marguerite	Justin Had a Horse
Herriot, James	All Creatures Great and Small
Hesse, Karen	Letters from Rifka
Hiaasen, Carl	Flush
Hiaasen, Carl	Hoot
Hiaasen, Carl	Scat
Hobbs, Will	Jason's Gold
Hobbs, Will	Down the Yukon
Hobbs, Will	Leaving Protection
Hobbs, Will	Wild Man Island
Hobbs, Will	The Maze
Hobbs, Will	River Thunder
Hobbs, Will	Ghost Canoe
Hobbs, Will	Far North
Hobbs, Will	Kokopelli's Flute
Hobbs, Will	Downriver
Hobbs, Will	Beardance
Hobbs, Will	The Big Wander
Hobbs, Will	Changes in Latitudes
Holm, Jennifer	Our Only May Amelia
Horvath, Polly	Everything on a Waffle
Houston, Jeanne	Farewell to Manzanar
Hunt, Irene	No Promises in the Wind
Hunt, Irene	The Lottery Rose
Hunter, Erin	Warriors Field Guide: Secrets of the Class
Ibbotson, Eva	Any title EXCEPT The Great Ghost Rescue
Jacques, Brian	Redwall
Jacques, Brian	Taggerung: A Tale from Redwall
Jacques, Brian	Mossflower
Jacques, Brian	Mattimeo
Jacques, Brian	Mariel of Redwall
Jacques, Brian	Salamandastron
Jacques, Brian	Martin the Warrior

Jacques, Brian	Outcast of Redwall
Jacques, Brian	The Legend of Luke
Jacques, Brian	The Bellmaker
Jacques, Brian	Loamhedge
Jacques, Brian	Eulalia!
Jacques, Brian	Triss
Jacques, Brian	High Rhulain
Jacques, Brian	Doomwyte
Jacques, Brian	The Long Patrol
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollbooth
Kindl, Patrice	Goose Chase
Knight, Eric	Lassie Come Home
Konigsburg, E.L.	The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place
Konigsburg, E.L.	The View from Saturday
Kwame, Alexander	The Crossover
L'Engle, Madeleine	Meet the Austins
L'Engle, Madeleine	Troubling a star
Lauber, Patricia	Lost Star, The Story of Amelia Earhart
Lawloc, Laurie	Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit
Lewis, C.S.	Any of The Chronicles of Narnia (7 titles)
Lupica, Mike	Heat
Lupica, Mike	Summer Ball
Lupica, Mike	The Big Field
Lupica, Mike	Travel Team
Lupica, Mike	Hero
Lupica, Mike	Hot Hand
Lupica, Mike	Long Shot
Lupica, Mike	Shoot-Out
Lupica, Mike	Two-Minute Drill
Lupica, Mike	The Batboy
Lupica, Mike	Million-Dollar Throw
Lupica, Mike	Safe at Home
Lupica, Mike	The Only Game
Lupica, Mike	Fantasy League
Lupica, Mike	QB 1
Lupica, Mike	True Legend
Lupica, Mike	Game Changers
Lupica, Mike	The Underdogs
Lupica, Mike	Heavy Hitters
Lupica, Mike	Miracle on 49th Street
Lupica, Mike	Bump & Run
Lupica, Mike	Full Court Press
Lupica, Mike	Heavy Hitters
Lupica, Mike	Play Makers
Lupica, Mike	Red Zone
MacHale, D.J.	The Light: Morpheus Road
Marshall, Catherine	Christy
Mikaelsen, Ben	Rescue Josh McGuire



Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of the Island
Morley, Walt	Gentle Ben
Muchamore, Robert	The Cherub Series (11 in series)
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh
O'Dell, Scott	Sing Down the Moon
Oppel, Kenneth	Darkwing
Oppel, Kenneth	Firewing
Oppel, Kenneth	Silverwing
Oppel, Kenneth	Sunwing
Orlev, Uri	Run, Boy, Run
Orlev, Uri	The Man from the Other Side
Orlev, Uri	The Song of Whales
Orlev, Uri	Lydia, Queen of Palestine
Patterson, James	Any Maximum Ride series
Paulsen, Gary	Dogsong
Paulsen, Gary	Guts
Paulsen, Gary	The Foxman
Paulsen, Gary	The Island
Paulsen, Gary	The Quilt
Paulsen, Gary	Woodsong
Perkins, Lynne Rae	Criss Cross
Petersen, P. J.	WhiteWater
Pullman, Philip	His Dark Materials trilogy (3 titles)
Pullman, Philip	The Scarecrow and His Servant
Pyle, Howard	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling
Rawls, Wilson	The Summer of the Monkeys
Reiss, Johanna	The Upstairs Room
Richter, C.	The Light in the Forest Rinaldi,
Ann	Wolf by the Ears
Riordan, Rick	The Percy Jackson Series
Robinson, Sharon	Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By
Rowling, J.K.	any Harry Potter book (7 titles)
Rylant, Cynthia	A Fine White Dust
Rylant, Cynthia	Missing May
Severance, John B.	Gandhi, Great Soul
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Sign of the Beaver
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Spinelli, J.	Knots in My YoYo String
Spyri, J.	Heidi
Stevenson, R. L.	Treasure Island
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped
Stewart, Mary	The Crystal Cave

Tolan, Stephanie S.	Surviving the Applewhites
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Lord of the Rings trilogy (any one of the 3 titles)
Voigt, Cynthia	A Solitary Blue
Voigt, Cynthia	Homecoming
Wallace, Bill	Red Dog
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Farmer Boy
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	The Long Winter
Wrede, Patricia	Dealing with Dragons
Wrede, Patricia	Dragon's Fire
Wrede, Patricia	Searching for Dragons
Wrede, Patricia	Calling on Dragons
Wrede, Patricia	Talking to Dragons
Yep, Laurence	Dragonwings
Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn	Reaching for Sun
Zindel, Paul	The Pigman

## **Hatchet Questions**

These questions are to help you think about the book as you read. Please take a look at these questions before or after you read each of the designated sections. You DO NOT have to turn these in; however, they CAN be a great study guide for the quiz.

### **Chapters 1-2**

1. As the story opens, where is Brian going? Why?
2. What do you learn about “the Secret”?
3. How does the pilot treat Brian?
4. What gift did Brian’s mother give him? How did he feel as he accepted it?
5. What happens to the pilot? How does Brian react?
6. Brian knows some of the basics about steering the plane. How does he know?
7. What happens when Brian tries to get help over the radio?
8. Eventually the plane will run out of gas. What choices does Brian have and what choice does he make?
9. Describe the plan Brian makes for landing the plane. Why is he looking for a lake?
10. How does Brian show his fear when the engine dies?

### **Chapter 3-4**

1. Where does the plane crash?
2. What do you know now about “the Secret”?
3. Brian loses consciousness after the crash. Where is he when he first revives and how does he feel?
4. Brian sleeps for a while. When he wakes and sits against a tree, “things seem to go back and forth between reality and imagination.” What is he going through?
5. What is the first problem Brian faces when the sun comes up?
6. “If you keep walking back from good luck, he thought, you’ll come to bad luck.” (p. 40) Explain what this means. How is Brian both lucky and unlucky.
7. What plants and animals does Brian notice? How does he know what some of them are?

### **Chapter 5-6**

1. How does Brian relieve his thirst? Why does he vomit?
2. Who is Perpich and why does Brian think about him?
3. What does Brian have with him?
4. At first Brian is hopeful that he will be found within a day or so, but then he has a worrisome thought. What is it?
5. Brian looks for a place to build a shelter. What sort of place is he looking for?
6. What does Brian think about when he isn’t thinking about solving his immediate problems?
7. What does Brian do for food?
8. How does Brian try to start a fire?
9. Why does Brian spend two hours weaving sticks together?

### **Chapter 7-8**

1. What wakes Brian up during the first night he spends under the overhand?
2. What do you learn about “the Secret”?
3. Brian doesn’t want to lose track of his new shelter. How does he keep himself from getting lost?
4. What frightens Brian while he is picking raspberries?

5. What causes the musty smell that Brian notices when he wakes up?
6. Why is it a mistake for Brian to kick out when he hears a slithering sound?
7. How is the hatchet the “key” to starting a fire?
8. What is the “most important rule of survival” Brian learns?

### **Chapters 9-10**

1. How does Brian make “fluff” for starting fire?
2. Brian thinks, “I have a hungry friend.” Who is that?
3. How does Brian keep the mosquitos away?
4. How does Brian find the turtle eggs?
5. Why does Brian think of his Uncle Carter?
6. Why does Brian believe that he has to keep thinking about the searchers?

### **Chapters 11-12**

1. Why does Brian try to keep busy?
2. How does Brian change, physically?
3. How does Brian change, mentally?
4. What does Brian plan to do if searchers fly over?
5. How does seeing the kingfisher help Brian solve the problem of where to get food?
6. Why doesn't the fish spear that Brian makes work?
7. What does Brian need to make the bow-and-arrow?
8. Why does Brian start to feel hopeless?

### **Chapter 13-14**

1. Several times something inside Brian warns him of danger. What is the danger?
2. When Brian sees the wolf, how long has it been since the crash?
3. Why had Brian cut himself with the hatchet?
4. How had Brian been feeling when he kept thinking the word “Clouddown”?
5. How does Brian change after the plane passes?
6. How does Brian learn to keep his fires burning longer?
7. How is Brian almost blinded?
8. What are some of the mistakes Brian makes? Do you think he is too hard on himself?
9. How does Brian cook his first fish?
10. How does Brian use the fish scraps?
11. What does Brian consider the most important thing he learns - the crucial knowledge that drives all animals?
12. Why does Brian bother the skunk? How could that act have caused his death?
13. How does Brian protect his food from animals?
14. How does Brian improve the shelter?
15. Brian learns from many of his mistakes. Provide an example.
16. While learning to store food, Brian realizes that fish don't “keep.” How does he solve this problem?
17. Brian sometimes makes up words when he doesn't know the exact name of plants and animals. Find an example.

### **Chapter 15-16**

1. How does Brian keep time?
2. What is the day of “First Meat”?
3. How does Brian cook the bird?

4. What other "First Days" does Brian have?
5. How does the moose create a problem for Brian?
6. How does Brian lose everything-his tools, his fire, his bed?
7. How does Brian react to losing everything and how is this different from the way he reacted after the plane passed?
8. What does the tornado raise out of the lake?

### **Chapter 17-18**

1. Why does Brian decide to go back to the plane?
2. How does Brian get to the plane?
3. How does Brian get inside the plane?
4. How does Brian lose his hatchet and how does he get it back?
5. What frightening sight greets Brian when he enters the plane?

### **Chapter 19 and Epilogue**

1. What does Brian get from the plane?
2. Why does Brian put the rifle aside?
3. Why doesn't Brian get more excited when he finds a transmitter?
4. What sort of "feast" does Brian prepare?
5. How does Brian react when he first meets his rescuers?
6. How does Brian's rescuer know where to find him?
7. How long has Brian been alone in the woods?
8. How has Brian changed?
9. How does the press treat Brian?
10. What do you think would have happened if Brian had not been rescued when he was?
11. Do you think the experience changed the relationship between Brian's parents- or his feeling about their divorce?
12. What have you learned from Brian's experience?