# theLearnîng Center 

# Summer Enrichment 2023 Rising 7th Grade 

## Math Work:

Rising 7th Graders- Must complete Summer Solutions book which will be provided before the end of the school year. It is recommended that your child complete three lessons a week. This will allow the book to be finished and turned in on the 1st day of school in August. If your child is working with a tutor this summer, it is perfectly fine for students to work on it during tutoring sessions.

## English Work:

Rising 7th-grade students are required to read two books during the summer:

- One required book: Schooled by Gordon Korman
- One book of choice (selections cannot be books that have been previously read)

Students are welcome (and encouraged) to use audio books (i.e. books on tape, bookshare, audio books, audible.com, audiobooks.com, etc.). However, students must follow along in a paper copy of the book if they choose this option. Another option is reading to your child or alternating pages with your child.

On the FIRST day of school, students will turn in TWO typed assignments: one typed response to corresponding questions and one summary/opinion response (see below). These will be their first grades of the 2023-2024 school year.


## Assignment for Required Reading

## Directions:

While reading the books, students should take notes. They can use BrainFrames, annotation skills, sticky notes, picture notes, etc.

After reading the required book for your grade level, create a Google Document to be shared with your Language teacher on the first day of school titled "Name-Summer Reading 1" and answer the corresponding questions. Questions should be answered with complete sentences. Be sure to answer all questions.

## Questions for Schooled

1. Identify two of Cap's beliefs about modern society. What is your first impression of Cap? (Chapters 1 3)
2. How do Zach and Naomi treat Cap? Give at least one example. (Chapters 4-6)
3. What does Cap offer to do for Sophie that begins to change her attitude towards him? (Chapters 7-9)
4. What heroic act does Cap perform? (Chapters 10-12)
5. How do you think students are starting to feel about Cap? Give an example from Chapter 15 to support your answer. (Chapters 13-15)
6. What does Cap write a check for? What are the checks SUPPOSED to be for? (Chapters 16-21)
7. Why does Zach arrange a tribute to Cap? (Chapters 22-26)
8. Why does Rain sell Garland Farm? Do you think she did the right thing by selling? (Chapters 27-31)
9. What is one thing Cap Anderson did that was memorable or important to YOU? Why?
10. Would you recommend this book? If so, who would you recommend it to and why?

## Assignment for Book of Choice

While reading your second book, you should take notes. You may use BrainFrames, annotations, pictures, etc.
After reading a book of your choice, you will type two paragraphs: a plot summary paragraph and a recommendation/opinion paragraph. Follow the format of the sample below. You must TYPE your responses double-spaced using 12-point Arial or Times New Roman font. The document should be named "Name-Summer Reading 2" and should be shared with your Language teacher at the start of the school year.

## Use the following format for the book report:

Joe Smith (Name)<br>7th Grade (Grade)<br>Ungifted (Book Title)<br>Gordon Korman (Author)

Plot Summary: Write one paragraph (minimum 5 sentences, maximum 10 sentences, double spaced). Summarize the main points of the book. Be sure to include the names of major characters and descriptions of important events in order. You must use your own words. DO NOT look at or copy from the back of the book or summaries on the internet.

Recommendation/Opinion: Write one paragraph (minimum 5 sentences, maximum 10 sentences, double spaced). Make sure your recommendation addresses these points:

1. What type of audience would like this book?
2. Why would that audience like this book (be specific)?
3. What about this book makes it stand out from other books you have read (either good or bad)?
4. Why did you like or dislike this book? (Give specific reasons regarding the plot, characters, conflict, etc.)
5. How did this book make you feel? Does it change the way you see or feel about something?

Book Citation: Using easybib.com, create an MLA citation of your book. (rising $7^{\text {th }}$ and $\mathbf{8}^{\text {th }}$ grade students ONLY)

## Rubric for Book of Choice

Name:
Total Score:

| Categories | $1$ <br> Unsatisfactory | Needs Improvement | $3$ <br> Good/Proficient | Excellent/ <br> Exemplary | Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MLA Formatting | ```5 or more errors in formatting > Times New Roman \(>12\) pt Black \(>\) Double Spaced \(>\) Heading``` | 3-4 errors in formatting <br> $>$ Times New Roman <br> $>12$ pt Black <br> $>$ Double Spaced <br> $>$ Heading | 1-2 errors in formatting <br> $>$ Times New Roman <br> $>12$ pt Black <br> $>$ Double Spaced <br> $>$ Heading | Correct Formatting No errors <br> >Times New Roman <br> $>12$ pt Black <br> > Double Spaced <br> $>$ Heading | - |
| MLA Citation ( $7^{\text {th }} \& 8^{\text {th }}$ Only) | Citation <br> $>5$ or more errors | Citation $>3-4$ errors | Citation <br> $>1-2$ errors | Correct Citation <br> $>$ No errors | - |
| Book Summary | $>$ Paragraph is incomplete does not summarize main idea, (focuses on details) | $>$ Writing does not clearly communicate the main idea <br> $>$ The reader is left with questions | $>$ Sentences are complete with good understanding of the content <br> $>$ Contains less than 5 sentences | >Paragraph summarizes the main idea, demonstrates a clear understanding of the book <br> $>$ Contains 5-7 sentences | - |
| Opinion/ <br> Recommendation | $>$ Opinion is vague <br> $>$ Opinion is stated without supporting details or examples $>$ Repetitive information | $>$ Opinion stated without supporting details and examples <br> >Repetitive information | $>$ Opinion clearly stated with supporting detail and examples <br> $>$ Contains less than 5 sentences | $>$ Opinion is clearly stated with supporting details and examples $>$ Contains 5-7 sentences | - |
| Sentence Variation | $>$ Uses many run-ons or fragments $>$ Sentences are simple | $>$ Most sentences are complete but simple <br> $>$ Limited variety in sentence structure | $>$ Attempts are being made at varying sentence structure and length of sentences | $>$ Consistent variety of sentence structure throughout <br> > Uses complete sentences of varying lengths; sentences begin differently | - |
| Writing Mechanics | 5 or more errors in <br> $>$ Punctuation <br> $>$ Capitalization <br> > Spelling | 3-4 errors in <br> $>$ Punctuation <br> $>$ Capitalization <br> $\geqslant$ Spelling | 1-2 errors in <br> $>$ Punctuation <br> $>$ Capitalization <br> $\geqslant$ Spelling | No errors in <br> $>$ Punctuation <br> $>$ Capitalization <br> $\geqslant$ Spelling | - |
| Grammar | 5 or more errors in grammar usage <br> $>$ Subject/verb agreement <br> > Singular/plural nouns <br> $>$ Verb (tense and usage) <br> > Pronoun usage | 3-4 errors in grammar usage <br> > Subject/verb agreement <br> $>$ Singular/plural nouns <br> $>$ Verb (tense and usage) | 1-2 errors in grammar usage <br> > Subject/verb agreement <br> $>$ Singular/plural nouns <br> $>$ Verb (tense and usage) | No errors in grammar usage <br> >Subject/verb agreement <br> $>$ Singular/plural nouns <br> $>$ Verb (tense and usage) |  |

