

Summer Reading Fun for English 7 2008

Content Objective: Students will read three books and complete three writing assignments, one for each book.

Language Objective: To give me an idea of your abilities as a writer, please use your best sentences, show—don't tell, and use textual evidence (to the best of your ability). Please type and double-space this assignment before the first day of school.

Required Reading for all Students

1. Of Beetles & Angels—Mawi Asgedom

Writing: Choose **one** set of questions from the end of the text and respond to all of them completely in well-written paragraphs (194–389 words).

2. Choose **one** of these texts:

- Romeo & Juliet (Together At Last)—Avi
- Son of the Mob—Gordon Korman
- *West Side Story*

Writing: In a well-written paragraph, explain a text-to-text connection between the text you chose and *Romeo & Juliet* or another text of your choice (188–311 words).

3. Please choose one book from the **Free Choice List** below or any book by an author on the free Choice List that you have yet to read.

Writing: For this text, please create a short **summary** (212–288 words), three fantastic **questions** about the text, a **map or diagram** that helps readers understand the text (8.5 x 11" or smaller), and a **review** of the text explaining its goodness (164–378 words).

Free Choice List

Guys Read—Jon Scieszka

Esperanza Rising—Pam Munoz Ryan

Uppity Women of Ancient Times—Vicki Leon

Twilight—Stephanie Meyer

Freak The Mighty—Rodman Philbrick

The House of the Scorpion—Ann Farmer

Petty Crimes—Gary Soto

Romeo & Juliet (Together At Last)—Avi

Gulliver's Travels—Jonathan Swift

Son of the Mob—Gordon Korman

Life of Pi—Yann Martel

Any Newberry Award Winner—Original Author

The Tao of Pooh—Benjamin Hoff

