

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Summer Reading Journal and Activity

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade! This summer you will read EITHER *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli OR *The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis. You will then complete the attached activities. Bring these with you on the first day of school. They will be your first literature grade of the school year, so please take your time, and do a good job.

**\*\*You will need to purchase a paperback copy of your chosen book to be used in class.\*\***

***Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli (ISBN #: 9780375861475)** *This is the story of a Polish boy during World War II told from the point-of-view of an old man looking back on his life. Unaware of his past, the boy experiences a series of adventures, meeting interesting people along the way. He's a boy who wants to be a Nazi, until the day that suddenly makes him change his mind. When the trains come to empty the Jews from the ghetto, he's a boy, who realizes it's safest of all to be nobody.*

***The Magician's Nephew* by C.S. Lewis (ISBN #: 978-0064471107)** *On a daring quest to save a life, two friends are hurled into another world, where an evil sorceress seeks to enslave them. But then the lion Aslan's song weaves itself into the fabric of a new land, a land that will be known as Narnia. And in Narnia, all things are possible. The adventure begins in *The Magician's Nephew*, the first title in C. S. Lewis's classic fantasy series, which has captivated readers of all ages for over sixty years.*

## **Task 1: List of most important events**

Below, create a list of the 10 most important events from your novel. Write your list in complete sentences, and, when possible, avoid the use of pronouns. **Example: Billy visits the space museum and finds the final clue.**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

**Task 2: The paper bag**

In a paper bag, place 3 items that symbolize significant characters/events/ideas from your novel. For example, if you were reading a book about a famous baseball player, you might fill your bag with objects, such as, a postcard from his hometown or a baseball to serve as a reminder of a notable homerun. **On the front of the bag, write the title of your book, the author's name, and your name. Be neat, creative, and colorful!** Small paper lunch or gift bags are preferred.

**Task 3: Reading log**

Include 3 significant excerpts (a quote or a passage) from your novel. Please cite the page number, and then write out the quote/passage. Reflect on why this excerpt is significant. For example...Does it give insight into a character's thoughts/feelings/actions **OR** Does it affect the outcome of the story in some way? Does it give some significant information about the time period/setting of the novel? Does it foreshadow events that will happen later in the novel?

Passage	Reflection
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