

# Summer Reading & Writing -- Grade 7

## Reading

- Create an account on GoodReads if you don't already have one. (You will share this account with me in September so that we can be friends!)
- When you finish a book this summer, rate it on GoodReads! (Then, GoodReads can start to make recommendations for you, and you will also have a record of what you've been reading!)
- Play Summer Reading Bingo! (Attached)
  - Your Goal is to accomplish **at least 10 boxes**.
  - 1 book can count in **up to 2 different boxes**.

## Language Study

- As you read, find 5 words from your reading for which you don't know the dictionary definition. We will use these when you get back to school! Write your words here:

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## Writing

- *Complete the IXL Diagnostic* This will include both math and language arts questions -- so don't be alarmed if you see math! Just do your best! This will help me plan for our year together!

Let's write down your IXL Login info before you go:

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

After you login, click the "Diagnostic" tab in the menu and get to work!

- *Write me a letter!* Let's get to know one another before the school year even starts! Write me a letter at any point over the summer! It could be telling me about an exciting experience you've had or your hopes and dreams for the new school year or *anything else* you want to share with me! When you've written it, mail it to me:

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Make sure to include your return address on the envelope so that I can write you back!

- Grab a composition notebook. (This is the first notebook you'll use in class in the fall!) Title the last three pages: Writing Territories.

Over the summer, start collecting little ideas, curiosities, and experiences that you could potentially write about in the future! This should be a list! Here are some ideas of things that might go on your list:

- Memories: childhood, recent
- Obsessions
- Amazing moments or experiences
- Problems – social, personal, cultural
- Itches, annoyances
- Things you're curious about or wonder about
- Confusions
- Passions
- Sorrows
- Accomplishments
- Fears/Failures, worries
- Family- close, distant, future
- Friends, then and now, never again
- Fads, trends – stupid or sticking
- Favorites – now/then, food, color, songs, etc
- Pets, then and now
- Teachers, then and now
- Places: school, camp, trips, times with friends/relatives, vacations
- Hobbies
- Sports
- Games
- Music
- Books
- Authors
- Poems
- Songs
- Movies
- Writers and artists
- Food
- Pet Peeves
- Beloved things- treasures, mementos
- All the loves of your life