

Grade 7 2026 Summer Reading Assignment

Required Summer Reading for all students: Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Grade 7 2026 Main Reading Assignment:

Please write a five-paragraph essay and outline in which you explore and analyze one of the themes you have encountered in Because of Mr. Terupt. Themes such as: (Coming of age, faith, and the loyalty of classmates)

Your essay must include:

Main Summer Assignment suggested outline:

Part 1 PreWriting: Please use the Pre-Writing sheet given to you in class. This will be collected with the essay as a part of the grade.

Paragraph 1: Introduction, introduce the novel, include the theme you will be writing about. (4-5 sentences)

Paragraph 2: Discuss how the theme you explored is explored in the book. (What is the main character doing, feeling, and what are other characters doing and feeling regarding your theme?) Give evidence from the novel.

Paragraph 3: Discuss how your theme is a part of the plot of the novel. (How does the theme develop throughout the novel, what are some major events that happen in regard to the novel)

Paragraph 4: Discuss the significance of the theme you chose and why it is so important to the characters in the novel.

Paragraph 5: Conclusion: Restate the main parts of your essay.

Grade 7 Secondary Reading Assignment: Choose one book from the suggested reading list to complete your second reading assignment.

Second Reading Assignment:

Create a TIMELINE of the introduction of each of the characters in the book. Make it colorful and fun!

Recommended Books for 2nd Reading assignment:

Fiction: Flowers for Alergnon

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Milkweed: A Novel by Jerry Spinelli

If I Stay by Gayle Forman

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Purple Heart by Patricia McCormick

If You Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson

A Voice of Her Own: Becoming Emily Dickinson by Barbara Dana

Heart of a Champion: A Novel by Carl Deuker

Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

Son by Lois Lowry

Fantasy and Science Fiction:

Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast by Robin McKinley

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman

Historical Fiction:

Dragon's Gate by Laurence Yep

Nightjohn by Gary Paulson

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

Non- Fiction:

The Ultimate Weapon: The Race to Develop the Atomic Bomb by Edward T. Sullivan

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Sally M. Walker

Mystery and Adventure:

Murder on The Orient Express by Agatha Christie

No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Biography/Memoir:

I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust by Livia Bitton Jackson

Ghosts of War: The True Story of a 19-Year-Old GI by Ryan Smithson

Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China during the Cultural Revolution by Moying Li

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories about Growing Up Scieszka by Jon Scieszka

Poetry: You and Yours by Naomi Shihab

Nye: The Trouble with Other Poems by Billy Collins