

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Projects

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Required Reading: AR test will be taken on Friday, August 17, 2018.

*When you Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead 2010 John Newbery Medal

Choose two books from the following list to complete your summer AR Tests. Out of the two books that you choose to test on, pick one to complete your summer project.

*Keeper of Lost Cities* by Shannon Messenger

*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos 2012 Newbery Medal and the Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction

*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz

*Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool 2011 Newbery Award

*Heist Society* by Ally Carter

*The Red Pony* by John Steinbeck

Directions: Students must AR test on three books from the summer reading list - the required reading book that will be tested on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the book that is used for their project and one other book from the list.

You may choose any of the above summer readers to complete the project of your choice. You may **not** choose the required summer reading book, *When you Reach Me*, because we will be working with that book as a class the first week of school. Have a great summer and happy reading!

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**Epilogue** - Write either a prologue or an epilogue to the book. Describe events that could have taken place before or after the plot of the book. Include at least four events that are connected to the existing plot of the book. The connection should be explained if it is not clear. Use descriptive language.

**Newsletter** - Create a newsletter for your book. Summarize the plot in one article. Write a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in a second article. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story. Be sure to include pictures. You may use a computer program or cut and paste the newspaper by hand.

**Photo Album** - Take pictures that depict the experiences of the book and/or characters in the book. Create a photo album with captions. Photos must be taken by the student. Album can be digital or traditional. Captions should connect photos to specific information from the book.

**Character Journal** - Use a journal to document the characters in the book. Identify every character-- major and minor--by name and record the page number on which that character first appears. Describe each character in detail and explain his/her relationship to the other characters in the novel. Record each character's most important quotation and include the page number on which the quotation appears. Keep your journal either in a composition notebook or in a Microsoft Word file.