

## Rising Seventh-grade Summer 2021 Reading Assignments for Literacy Meigs Magnet Academic Middle School

You are required to read **two** books over the summer. We want you to **enjoy** your summer, and we have tried to select books that are **entertaining** and **contain life-lessons**. The goal is simply to keep your **minds engaged by reading and writing** during your time off from school, but not be overwhelming. You have one choice and one required text. Read **both** of the novels **prior** to your coming to Meigs in the fall.

### 1. Required reading:

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

You may access it online here: <https://tinyurl.com/StargirlSpinelliELA>

**We have physical copies of *Stargirl* that you may pick it up from Meigs if you choose.** In-person students may ask your 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher. Virtual students should pick it up or from the school office by May 26, 2021.

Assignment for *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli:

Students will be assessed over the contents of the book (characters, conflicts, setting, plot elements, theme, etc.) within the first two weeks of the school year.

Students are required to take notes. These notes must be on lined paper. Students must take a **minimum of one full page** of notes, but **must not exceed three pages**. If more than one page, please do not write on the back side; **only write on the front side** of the paper.

**Hint:** You are not going to write down every little detail in your notes. Write down the main points and items you do not think you can remember that are significant to the plot. Keep notes in **chronological order** as they occur in the book.

These notes will be checked at the beginning of the school year and used to aid students in their assessment.

### 2. Choice Reading

**Choose 1 (one) of these novels:**

You may use the links below to access these or check them out from a library.

- *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen: <https://tinyurl.com/HootHiaasenELA>
- *Nothing but the Truth* by Avi: <https://tinyurl.com/NothingAviELA>
- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London: <https://tinyurl.com/CallLondonELA>
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin: <https://tinyurl.com/WestingRaskinELA>

Assignment for Choice Reading:

Choose **one** of the assignment options listed below.

	<b>GRAPHIC</b>	<b>WRITING</b> <b>For each of these, you must write three to five paragraphs.</b>
1.	A. Create an artistic collage representing a theme found in your novel. Write the theme on the collage or a description of the theme on the side.	B. What specific themes did the author emphasize throughout the novel? What do you think he is trying to teach to the reader?
2.	A. Sketch costumes for at least three characters in the novel. For each drawing, write a short description for each outfit explaining why the outfit, accessory, color is appropriate to its owner. You may include how the apparel is useful in particular settings or situations.	B. Choose one prominent character from the novel and describe him or her. How did he or she change or grow from the beginning to the end of the book? What experiences or events played a significant role in shaping his or her actions or personality?
3.	A. Design a poster for a film adaptation of the book. Include a synopsis of story and a meaningful picture representing some aspect of the novel. Invent a catchy slogan or tagline to draw audiences to see the movie. Be colorful; you are trying to persuade others to view the film!	B. Explain how you would make your book into a movie – who would play the main characters, where would you film it, what elements of the story would translate well onto the screen, and/or what would you have to eliminate for cinematic purposes and length, etc.? Explain your choices.

**Have fun, be kind, clean up your room, do your summer reading, and be safe over the summer! See you in the fall!**