

# 7th Grade Summer Reading 2023

This year students will have a choice for the required book for summer reading. Both books share the themes of survival, friendship, perseverance, and selflessness which mirror some of the programs currently in place at Northley Middle School.

Students will read one of the required books and **complete the following graphic organizer**. This graphic organizer will be handed into the ELA Reading teacher on the first day of school.

Choose **ONE** of the required books:

**Refugee by Alan Gratz (historical fiction)**: JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.

**When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed (nonfiction graphic novel)**: Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care Omar knows his nonverbal brother needs. So when Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future . . . but it would also mean leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade SUMMER READING STORY MAP

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Before Reading:**

Predict: what do you think this book is about? \_\_\_\_\_

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In your own words, what do you learn from the summary of the book (back or inside flap)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read the first two chapters. What is the setting of the story? Include where and when it takes place.

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Make a personal connection to the topic of this story. \_\_\_\_\_

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### **During Reading:**

List 8 Important Events in the story. These events must include beginning, middle, and end of the story.

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7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

### **Main Character:**

Describe this character's personality: \_\_\_\_\_

What does this character care about? \_\_\_\_\_

Find a quote by the main character that shows "who they are" or "what they believe."

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What does the above quote say about them?

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### **After Reading:**

What is a theme in this novel? \_\_\_\_\_

Give an example from the story to support this theme: \_\_\_\_\_

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Write a 5 sentence **summary** of this novel. Focus on the big ideas, not on the details: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you recommend this book? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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