

PENN-DELCO SCHOOL DISTRICT

NORTHLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER READING

GRADE 7

2016

Spring 2016

Dear Parent and Students:

All of us who are involved in teaching reading and English acknowledge the value of practicing reading all year long – not just during the school year. For that reason, we have developed a required summer reading assignment because we believe it will help students meet academic challenges in the coming year and encourage them to develop independent reading habits.

Students are required to read two books – one that is required and one that the student chooses from a list. These books are available in community libraries as well as local bookstores that have been given our summer reading lists.

Directions for all students entering Grade 7

Every student entering Grade 7 should:

- 1. Read a required book and a book of your choice from the list related to your class placement – Honors, Accelerated or Learning Center.**
- 2. Take a Reading Counts quiz for both books**
- 3. Complete a graphic organizer for each book. Two are enclosed in the packet. Bring the graphic organizers to Reading classes on the first day of school in September.**

Students may take the Reading Counts quizzes during the summer when the library computer lab is open, or **students may also take the quizzes in September when they return to school.**

This packet of information is available on the Penn-Delco website at www.pdsd.org.

The Aston Public Library and Barnes and Nobles at Concord Mall have been given copies of the required summer reading lists for Northley Middle School and Sun Valley High School:

Aston Public Library
257 Concord Road
Aston, PA 19014
(610) 494-5877

Barnes and Noble, Concord Mall
4801 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 478-9677

The above information, along with a list of book descriptions, will be reviewed and discussed in reading classes before the end of the school year. Thank you in advance for your support of this program.

Sincerely,

The Northley Seventh Grade Reading Teachers

**Seventh Grade
Summer Reading Books:
Accelerated Level**

Required Reading

Rogers. Eleven – Realistic Fiction. Alex Douglas always wanted to be a hero. But nothing heroic ever happened to Alex. Nothing, that is, until his eleventh birthday. When Alex rescues a stray dog as a birthday gift to himself, he doesn't think his life can get much better. But this day has bigger things in store for both of them. This is a story about bullies and heroes, about tragedy and hope, about enemies with two legs and friends with four, and pesky little sisters and cranky old men, and an unexpected lesson in kindness delivered with a slice of pizza.

Choose one from this list:

Alexander. The Book of Three - Fantasy. This is the first book in the Prydain series, about a young pig keeper and his quest to become a hero.

Avi. Something Upstairs – Mystery/Ghost Story. When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Christopher, M. Tight End –Realistic Fiction. A high school football player believes the others boys on the team are harassing him because of his father's prison record.

Colfer. Artemis Fowl or sequel - Fantasy. Artemis Fowl is a twelve-year-old genius who develops a plan to acquire magical gold by tricking a fairy in order to restore the wealth of his legendary Irish criminal family.

Coville. Dragonslayers – Fantasy, Humor. This is an old story with some new twists, like a princess who hunts the dragon herself, a king named Mildred, and the world's oldest squire.

Creech. Walk Two Moons - Realistic Fiction. After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Gantos. Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (or sequels) - Realistic Humor, Fiction. Joey has a problem – he is always in trouble! Now he and the adults who care about him have to decide what to do about it.

Gutman. Honus and Me – Fantasy, Sports Fiction. Baseball card collector Joe finds a Honus Wagner card with special properties that allow him and Honus to travel through time.

Haddix. Among the Hidden – Fantasy. Luke is a third child, forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

Haddix. Found – Thriller, Realistic Fiction. Jonah, Chip, and Jonah’s sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere- and people who seem to appear and disappear at will.

Hahn. Wait Till Helen Comes – Ghost Story. Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.

Hess, Karen. The Music of the Dolphins – This story centers around a girl named Mila who was raised by dolphins for most of her life. Hesse invites you into her struggle with becoming human and learning what that means.

Hinton. That Was Then, This is Now – Realistic Fiction. Sixteen-year-old Mark and Bryon have been like brothers since childhood, but now, as their involvement with girls, gangs, and drugs increases, their relationship seems to gradually disintegrate.

Horowitz. Stormbreaker or any other Alex Rider book - Fourteen-year-old Alex has always been told that his uncle was killed in a car accident. But Alex starts to unravel the mysterious truth when he discovers that his uncle’s windshield was riddled with bullet holes. As Alex ventures deeper into his uncle's secret life, he finds himself running from terrorists and working for the government. Can he handle the mission? The fate of England depends on it.

Naylor. Beetles, Lightly Toasted – Realistic Fiction. In an attempt to win a contest, Andy comes up with the idea of eating insects and tests his recipes on unsuspecting friends and family members.

Spinelli. Maniac Magee – Realistic Fiction. After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee’s life becomes legendary; he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

**Seventh Grade
Summer Reading Books:
Honors Level**

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Alexander. The Book of Three - Fantasy. This is the first book in the Prydain series, about a young pig keeper and his quest to become a hero.

Anderson. Chains – Historical Fiction. This is Isabell's harrowing journey into a nightmare realm of slavery, betrayal, loss, and ultimately hope.

Avi. Crispin - In this novel set in medieval England, an illiterate teenage boy is left to fend for himself after his mother dies. To further complicate matters, the boy is falsely accused of a murder and must be on the run until he can clear his name. Winner of the 2003 Newbery Medal.

Avi. Something Upstairs – Mystery/Ghost Story. When he moves from Los Angeles to Providence, Rhode Island, Kenny discovers that his new house is haunted by the spirit of a black slave boy who asks Kenny to return with him to the early nineteenth century and prevent his murder by slave traders.

Bauer. Squashed – Realistic Fiction. As sixteen-year-old Ellie pursues her two goals--growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa and losing twenty pounds herself--she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.

Colfer. Artemis Fowl or sequel - Fantasy. Artemis Fowl is a twelve-year-old genius who develops a plan to acquire magical gold by tricking a fairy in order to restore the wealth of his legendary Irish criminal family.

Creech. Walk Two Moons - Realistic Fiction. After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Farmer. House of the Scorpion - Fantasy. Farmer creates an imaginative thought-provoking tale about the 140-year-old Al Patron and his clone Matt Alacran, who is despised by almost everyone.

Haddix. Found – Thriller, Realistic Fiction. Jonah, Chip, and Jonah's sister, Katherine, are plunged into a mystery that involves the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, an airplane that appeared out of nowhere- and people who seem to appear and disappear at will.

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L'Engle. A Wrinkle in Time – Fantasy. This is the story of the adventures in space and time of three remarkable kids as they search for their father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem.

Lowry. Gathering Blue – Science Fiction. In this companion novel to The Giver, Lowry creates a mysterious but plausible future world, ruled by savagery and deceit and that shuns and discards the weak.

Park. A Single Shard – Historical Fiction. Young Tree-ear is fascinated with celadon pottery and master potter Min. Tree-Ear dreams of making a pot of his own, so Min takes on the boy as his helper. Tree-Ear finds backbreaking work ahead of him, yet he's determined to prove himself.

Peck. The Teacher's Funeral – Historical Fiction. In rural Indiana in 1904, 15-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat-threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching at his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."

Tolkien. The Hobbit – Fantasy. This is the story that introduces the world to hobbits, Middle-earth, Bilbo Baggins, Gandalf the wizard, and the Ring of power.

Whelan. Homeless Bird – Realistic Fiction. Like many girls her age in India, thirteen-year-old Koly is getting married. When she discovers that the husband her parents have chosen for her is sickly boy with wicked parents, Koly wishes she could flee. According to tradition, though, she has no choice. On her wedding day, Koly's fate is sealed.

Woodson. Hush – Realistic Fiction. Find out what happens when twelve-year-old Toswiah and her family enter the witness protection program.

Summer Reading for Northley Middle School
Learning Support Students
7th Grade

Summer reading is part of the Reading curriculum for students attending Northley Middle School. Teachers recognize that learning support students have varying degrees of reading levels and choosing one or two novels from the 7th grade list may hinder some students due to the level of the text.

Students are to read a minimum of 2 novels over the summer and complete the activities for the reading selections. Listed on the next three pages are novels students can select from according to their reading levels. It is recommended that the student's choice novel is a novel that can be independently read.

All learning support students are expected to read the required novel, **Eleven**, by Tom Rogers. This novel is on a 5th grade reading level. If this novel cannot be independently read by the learning support student, it can be read in a paired group with an adult or older student. (see the bottom of the page for suggestions on how to read in a paired group).

The 2nd novel is a student's choice from the book list on the next page. The selections have been grouped into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade reading levels. Students should select the novel closest to their independent reading level. The learning support teacher can provide the parents with the appropriate reading level for the student's 2nd choice book.

This booklet also contains a brief snapshot of each novel, a list of libraries and bookstores, tips for paired reading, and the activities which need to be completed for each novel (refer to the accelerated list for assignments). Each student is expected to complete the summer reading projects and turn them into his/her reading teacher on the first day of school in September.

Refer any questions to the Special Education Office at 610-497-6300, ext. 1320.

Tips for Shared/Paired Reading

- Have the student read the first few pages by him/her self. If the book is too difficult to read independently, the student can read with an adult or older student.
- Sit side by side and take turns reading paragraphs (or pages) aloud.
- Together, read aloud a few sentences or a paragraph.
- As the adult reads aloud, gently tap the child's arm to join in and read a phrase or a sentence.
- Stop after several pages and discuss what was read. Have the student visualize what was read and re-tell a portion of story.
- Ask student if he/she has made any connections to the text by relating the story to oneself, another story, or a life situation.

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Choose one book from this list OR from the other lists:

1st Grade Reading Level Books:

Giff, Patricia Riley. **Garbage Juice for Breakfast**. Her camp's treasure hunt gives Dawn Bosco another chance to put on her Polka Dot Private Eye hat and do what she loves best--hunt for clues.

2nd Grade Reading Level Books:

Christopher, Matt. **Soccer 'Cats #10: Kick It!** Fullback Alan Minter is in trouble. First, he was picked last for a kickball game and then misses the ball every time it is his turn! Suddenly he's wondering if he even knows how to kick. Luckily, his friend Bucky figures out why he's having problems. Together they work on getting Alan's foot back in gear.

Giff, Patricia Riley. **Fancy Feet**. "Little kids don't go to jail." At least Stacy's hoping they don't! It's not easy to be good all the time. Telling the truth is hard, but Stacy knows if the shoe fits, she has to wear it!

Abbott, Tony. **Blast Off**. Having discovered that the mad scientist Morbius has sabotaged the rocket ride at the Mayville Carnival, Noodle and Zeek confront him and his dangerous robot in an underground laboratory.

Abbott, Tony. **Danger Guys Hit the Beach**. While spending an unexciting weekend at the beach, Noodle and Zeek suddenly find adventure when they discover a gang of thieves trying to steal the hidden treasure from a sunken ship.

Giff, Patricia Riley. **The Case of the Cool-Itch Kid**. Dawn Bosco's on her way to summer camp. She can't wait for the fun to begin, but when her shell mirror and a favorite pin disappear, it's time for the Polka Dot Private Eye to investigate. An unexpected offer of help leads Dawn to the answer to the mystery; and, best of all, to a surprising new friend at camp.

3rd Grade Reading Level Books:

Danzinger, Paul. **Amber Brown is Green with Envy**. Amber is starting to get used to this joint custody arrangement. Her dad is renting an apartment nearby and the schedule is working out. Amber's mother may be moving to a new town! How is Amber ever going to face this? She just can't leave her home that she has known all her life and become the new kid in a new school.

Christopher, Matt. **Switch Play**. Bucky Pinter wants his team to give Coach Bradley a present on the day of the Soccer 'Cats last game. Unfortunately, the present they want to buy is expensive! Bucky comes up with a way for them to earn the money they need, but could one disgruntled teammate ruin it all and spoil the surprise?

Gutman, Dan. **Honus and Me**. Baseball card collector Joe finds a Honus Wagner card with special properties that allow him and Honus to travel through time.

4th Grade Reading Level Books:

Christopher, Matt. **Stranger in Right Field**. Alfie Maples is usually the starting right fielder for the Peach Street Mudders. Alfie gets to play coach for a bit when a new player named Roberti joins the team. Alfie doesn't seem to have any knack for playing baseball - he can't catch a ball very well or bat either. Alfie works hard to help Roberti improve his batting and catching, making him feel like a part of the team. Could Alfie's generosity have cost him a position that he loves to play?

Christopher, Matt. **The Team that Couldn't Lose**. When inexperienced Phil Wayne takes over as coach of the Cayugans, Chip Chase figures that they're in for a losing season. But Phil surprises everyone by teaching the team a fantastic new play every week--plays that help them win game after game. Will Chip and his teammates discover who the mystery coach is before the season ends?

Hesse, Karen. **Music of the Dolphins**. This story centers around a girl named Mila who was raised by dolphins for most of her life. Hesse invites you into her struggle with becoming a human and learning what that means.

Coville, Bruce. **Dragon Slayers**. This is an old story with some new twists, like a princess who hunts the dragon herself, a king named Mildred, and the world's oldest squire.

Giff, Patricia Riley. **Pictures of Hollis Wood**. Twelve-year-old foster child Hollis Woods, troubled and artistic, has run away from the family she adores. Why did she leave so suddenly?

Greene, Constance C. **A Girl Called Al**. A seventh grade girl, her overweight friend Al, and the building superintendent form an alliance that benefits them all.

Gutman, Dan. **The Million Dollar Shot**. Eddie has a chance to make one foul shot and make a million dollars – but one person really wants him to miss, and he will do anything to stop Eddie from making that shot.

Blume, Judy. **Superfudge**. Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge.

Snicket, Lemony. **A Series of Unfortunate Events**. The Baudelaire orphans try to defeat Count Olaf's evil plans to steal their fortune! ****Students can read any book in this series.****

Giff, Patricia Riley. **All the Way Home**. Brick Tiernan is devastated when fire destroys his family's apple orchard in Windy Hill, New York, in the summer of 1941.

5th Grade Reading Level Books:

Avi. **Poppy**. Poppy the mouse urges her family to move to a place where life will be easier for them, but their enemy, the owl has other ideas.

Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona and Her Father**. The family is upset when Ramona's father loses his job.

Gantos, Jack. **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key**. Joey has a problem – he is always in trouble! Now he and the adults who care about him have to decide what to do about it.

Gantos, Jack. **Joey Pigza Loses Control**. The next time in the series of Joey books Joey got it together, but then his father shows up, and Joey's world starts to fall apart again.

Haddix, Margaret. **Among the Hidden**. Fantasy. Luke is the third child, forbidden by the Population Police. He lived his entire life in hiding, and he is no longer even allowed to go outside.

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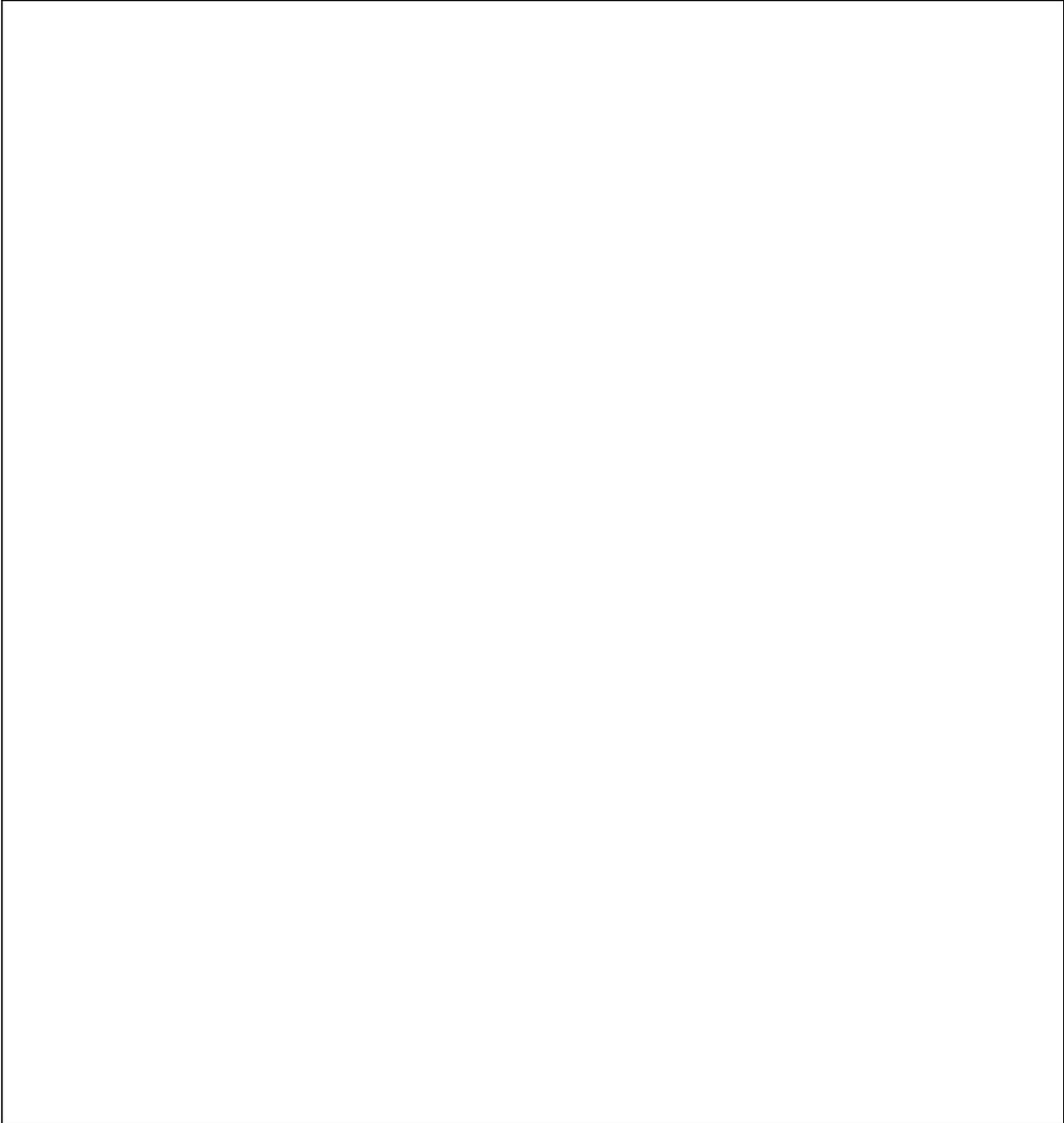
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<p>A Major Theme (message about life in general):</p> <p>Give an example from the book to show the theme:</p>	<p>Would you recommend this book?</p> <p>Why or Why not?</p>
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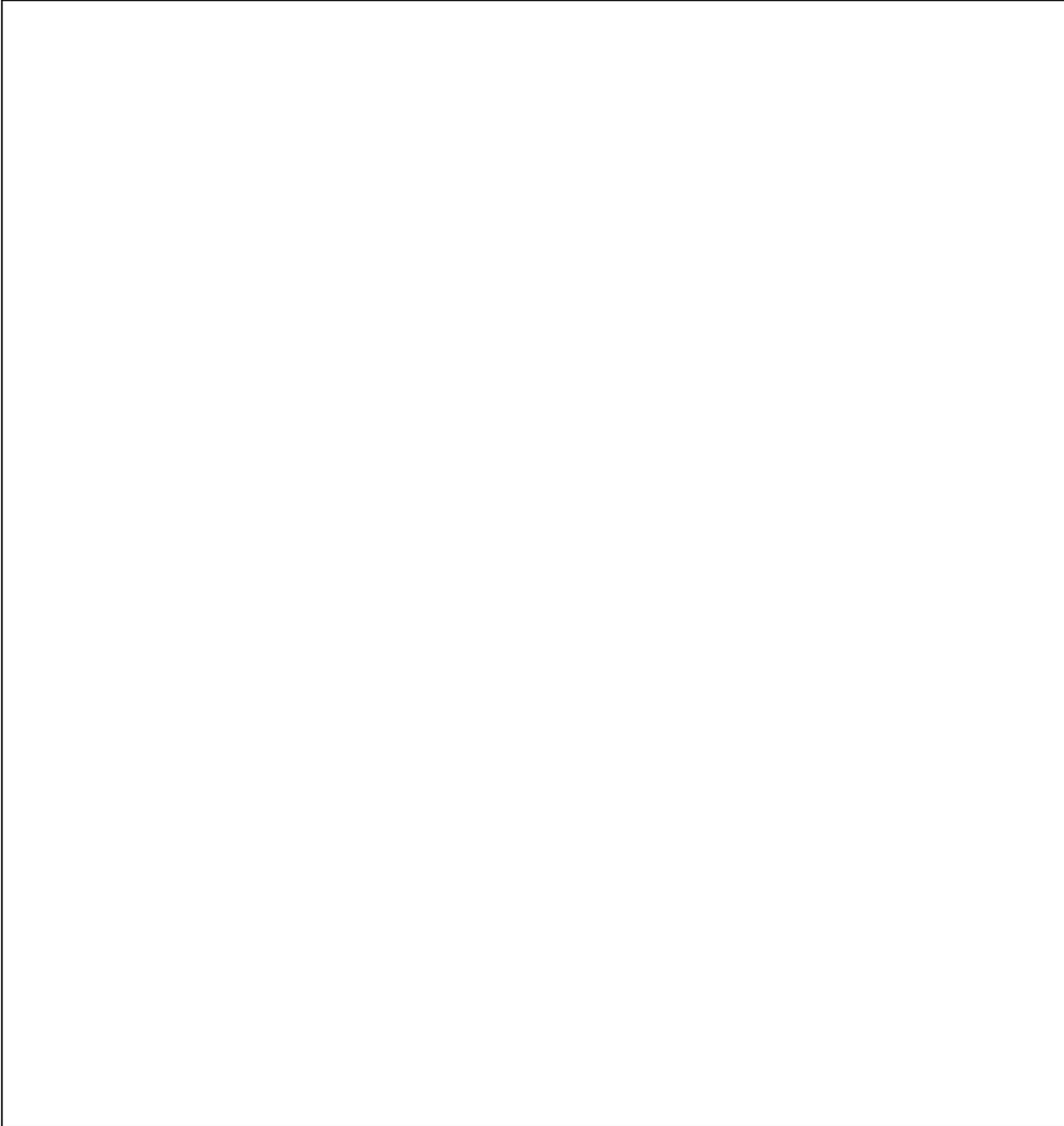
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