



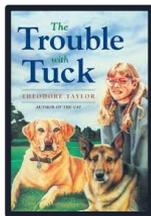
# Summer Reading 2021



Literature/Writing  
S. Ramirez  
Incoming 7th Graders

Please complete your SUMMER READING assignment  
as explained on the next slide...

Choose **ONLY ONE** of the books listed below.



Incoming 7th Graders (Pick ONE)

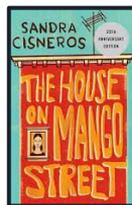
The Trouble with Tuck  
(Theodore Taylor) (J.R.R. Tolkien)

The House on Mango Street  
(Sandra Cisneros)

The Hobbit (J.R.R. Tolkien)

The Giver (Lois Lowry)

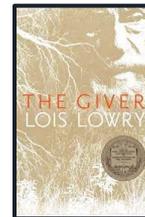
Tuck's trouble--and how to cope with it--becomes the focus of his owner, Helen's, life. Together they fight the chain that holds him and threatens to break his spirit, until Helen comes up with a solution so new, so daring, there's no way it can fail.



*The House on Mango Street* covers a year in the life of Esperanza, a Chicana (Mexican-American girl), who is about twelve years old when the novel begins. During the year, she moves with her family into a house on Mango Street. The house is a huge improvement from the family's previous apartment, and it is the first home her parents actually own. However, the house is not what Esperanza has dreamed of.



Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who lives a quiet life, until it is upset by a visit from a wizard named Gandalf. He wants Bilbo to help a group of dwarves take back the Mountain from Smaug, a dragon. Bilbo is unsure he wants to help, but he is drawn into the adventure by Gandalf.



The Giver is written from the point of view of Jonas, an eleven-year-old boy living in a futuristic society that has eliminated all pain, fear, war, and hatred. There is no prejudice, since everyone looks and acts basically the same, and there is very little competition. Everyone is unfailingly polite. Jonas longs to discover if this life is best for him.

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Please complete this SUMMER READING assignment based on the **(ONE)** book you chose to read from your Summer Reading List.

You will write your report on a **New Google Document** in your Drive.

**You will be asked to submit this assignment during the first week of school in August.**

Summer reading/writing assignment:  
Critique the novel (one) of your choice.  
(Include Title and Author)

Analyze and evaluate the quality of the literary piece. Please do NOT merely summarize the novel, but instead discuss whether the novel is worth reading and why.

Your writing should include the following:

1. the book's main point,
2. the book's style, and
3. your comments or arguments whether this novel is worth reading.

#### **Introduction:**

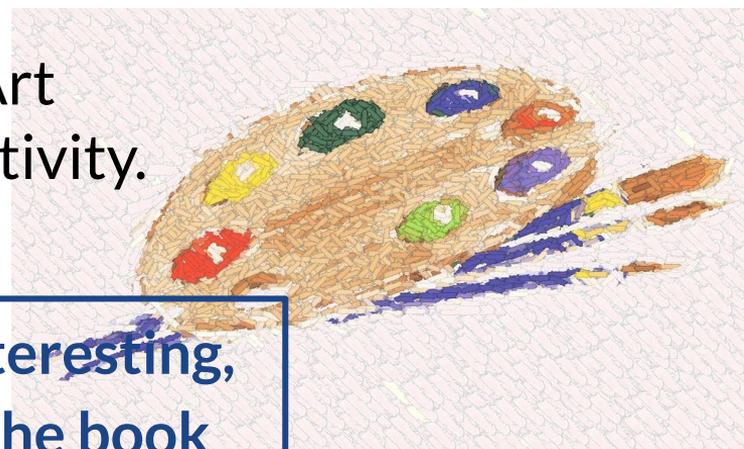
Include basic information of the book: title, author's name, topic, key ideas of the novel. Additionally, include the purpose (reason) of the essay and your reaction to the novel. If the novel did not appeal to you may write that the novel is not worth reading and then present your evidence in the body. If you did enjoy the novel, then you will discuss the pros in the body.

#### **Body: (three paragraphs)**

In each paragraph of the body, you will discuss a weakness or a strength of the novel and provide evidence to support your argument. Did the novel interest you? Why or why not? Additionally, you may offer some improvements for the novel, or how the novel could have been written differently.

## **Optional Activity: Integrated Art**

You are NOT required to do this activity.



**Think about the most important, interesting, or impactful moments or events in the book you have read from your Summer Reading List. On a white sheet of paper or in an art tablet, draw an event or series of events from the story. Be creative. There is no wrong way to interpret or demonstrate the ideas you have chosen to illustrate.**