

Dear Incoming 7th Grader,

Congratulations on being chosen to be a student in next year's seventh grade Literature and Composition class. It is both an honor and a responsibility to be selected by your sixth grade Language Arts teacher to be in this class. It will be a challenging course but also a stimulating one marked by classroom discussion of great literature, expansion of your vocabulary, and daily work to improve your writing skills. Your summer project will show me that you have the necessary skills and knowledge to be successful in Lit. & Comp. during the school year. Here is your assignment:

1. Read Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson and be prepared to take an exam on the book when you return to school in August. The format includes matching, multiple choice, and an essay question. To complete the essay portion of the test, you will need to identify and understand the following in your reading:
  - Be able to determine the rising and falling action, climax, and resolution in the novel.
  - Be able to identify examples of the following forms of figurative language: metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, and irony in the book.
  - Be able to explain whether each of the main characters in the novel is round or flat and either dynamic or static.
2. The second book is your choice, but it must be within 100 pts (give or take) of your current \*Lexile score.

Have a great summer, see you in August!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Shear*

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\*To find books within your Lexile range, go to <https://lexile.com/fab/> and enter your Lexile score. If you are unsure of your score Ms. Corbin and I have a copy available and can give that to you.