



The King's Christian 7th Grade Summer Reading 2024

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Dear 7th Grade Students and Parents,

We know you are looking forward to a relaxing summer before beginning the pressures of another school year...and what better way to relax than to lose yourself in reading?

One of our goals at The King's Christian School is to help students realize the benefits of reading. We believe you want to be successful in whatever you undertake in life. To become a more knowledgeable individual, a better reader, and a stronger writer who can impact the world for Christ, take some time each day this summer to practice one of the simplest, most time-proven methods for a lifetime of success--**READ!**

This summer, 7th grade students will read

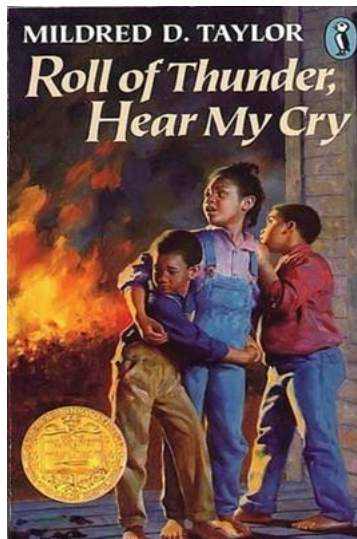
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

and

A free-choice novel that. . . .

- is at your reading level.
- has been approved by your parents.
- you have never read before.

Before the first day of school, you will complete one of the projects and answer four of the questions on the attached sheet for *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. You will also complete the attached book report form for your choice novel.



About the Newbery Medal Winner, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*...

"Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And it is also Cassie's story—Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect." From amazon.com.

IMPORTANT: Students will be tested on the required reading selection during the beginning weeks of school; in addition, they may be asked to write or complete projects relating to the novel.



Summer Reading Projects for *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Please complete both parts for *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.

Part 1: Choose below one project to demonstrate the important parts of the book you read over the summer. See the rubric for grading guidelines.

1. **Art log:** Make an artistic log of each chapter of the book. Divide a paper into two sections. Each section will be one chapter. Illustrate each chapter symbolically or literally. If the chapters have titles, write the title at the bottom of each section. You should have all chapters represented in the art.
2. **Letter to a character:** Write a letter (3 paragraph of 5-7 sentences minimum) to the main character of your book asking questions, protesting a situation, and/or making a complaint and/or suggestion. This must be done in correct MLA letter format.
3. **Travel brochure:** Make a travel brochure advertising the setting, the characters, and the plot of the book. Each "flap" of the brochure should represent the parts of the novel.
4. **Diary:** Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary. You must have at least 3 diary logs. Each log must be 7-9 well written sentences.
5. **Timeline:** Create a timeline of important events from the book. You must include at least 10 events and illustrations for each event.
6. **Write a song:** Convert the events of the story into a ballad, poem, or song. Write the lyrics and adapt the words to a well-known melody. Retell the story through your lyrics. Make sure you state what melody you used when writing your lyrics. You should have at least 20 lines to your song.

Category	Fully Meets Expectations 3	Meeting expectations 2	Not Meeting Expectations 1
Grammar	All words are used correctly in the assignments	Most words are used correctly in the assignment	Many words are incorrectly used in the assignment
Structure	The assignment is completed according to directions and is neatly presented	The assignment is almost completed according to directions and is somewhat neatly presented	The assignment is attempted by not completed correctly and/or is difficult to read
Presentation	The assignment is well laid out and is neat in appearance with no mistakes	The assignment is neat, and well laid out but contains 1-2 mistakes	The assignment is difficult to read and contains 2+ mistakes



Part 2: Answer **four** of the following questions, typed on another sheet of paper. You need to write a well written paragraph (5-7 sentences). Please write which question you are answering.

1. Give the names of the three most important characters and a brief description of each (age, personality, physical description, relationships to other characters). Describe how the characters are like or not alike you.
2. Identify the setting of the book. Be sure to identify all important times and places. Compare the setting to your current hometown.
3. Identify the main problem faced by the characters in this book. Have you experienced similar problems? How is the problem solved or resolved?
4. Could the story have ended differently? How would you have liked it to end?
5. Write a paragraph telling something you have seen or done yourself which is related to the material read in this story.
6. How would your life be different if you have lived through some of the experiences of the story?
7. Select an incident from the book that appeals to you (that you liked or thought was interesting). Give at least 3 reasons why you liked it.
8. How might the story have been different from another character's point of view (for example, Cinderella told from Prince Charming's perspective)?
9. Did you expect the story to end the way it did? What clues did the author give as to how it would end.
10. How would your life be different if you have lived through some of the experiences of the story?
11. Select an incident from the book that appeals to you (that you liked or thought was interesting). Give at least 3 reasons why you liked it.
12. How might the story have been different from another character's point of view (for example, Cinderella told from Prince Charming's perspective)?
13. Did you expect the story to end the way it did? What clues did the author give as to how it would end.



Name: _____

Independent Reading Book Report Form

Title: _____

Author: _____

Why did you choose this book (3 sentences) ? _____

Genre: Circle any of the following words that apply to this book:

History True Adventure Fiction Romance Mystery
Horror Science Fiction

List 3 other words that more accurately describe the book: _____

Vocabulary: List 5 words from the book that you did not know; put the number of the page on which the word is found. Then supply the meaning of each word as it is used in the book.

	Word	Page	Meaning
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____