

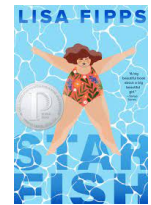
You're Invited: First Day of School Book Club!
2023 Summer Reading Assignment for Rising 7th Grade Students
Due: August 14 and 15 (the first day of school)

First, get a new composition notebook (your 7th grade writer's notebook!) and choose one of the following five 2022 Lone Star List books:



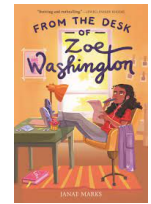
Alone by Megan E. Freeman

How this book stands out: Maddie is accidentally left behind when her entire state is evacuated. She doesn't know what happened, but now she will have to survive on her own with no prospect of rescue in sight.



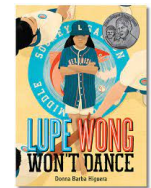
Starfish by Lisa Fipps

How this book stands out: Ellis just wants to be herself and be happy, but the kids at school bully her about her weight. Even her mother is obsessed with Ellie's size. Will she find the courage to stand up for herself?



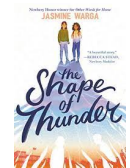
From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

How this book stands out: Zoe unexpectedly gets a letter from the father she's never met on her twelfth birthday. He's been in prison her whole life, but he swears he's innocent.



Lupe Wong Won't Dance by Donna Barba Higuera

How this book stands out: Lupe just wants to focus on becoming the first female pitcher in the MLB, but her worst fears come true when she is forced to square dance in PE.



The Shape of Thunder by Jasmine Wara

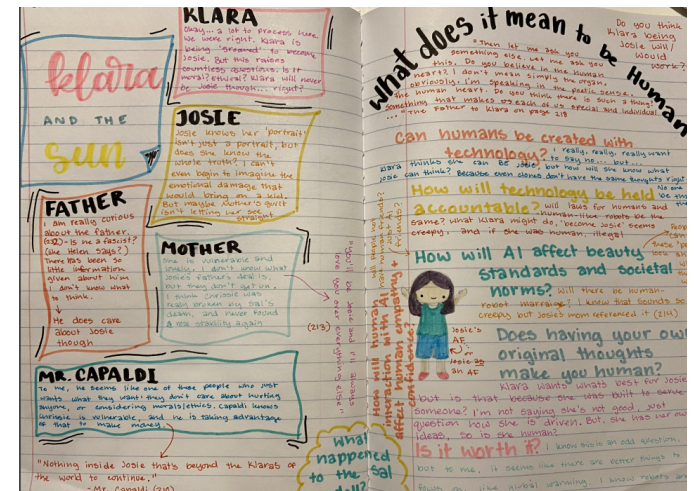
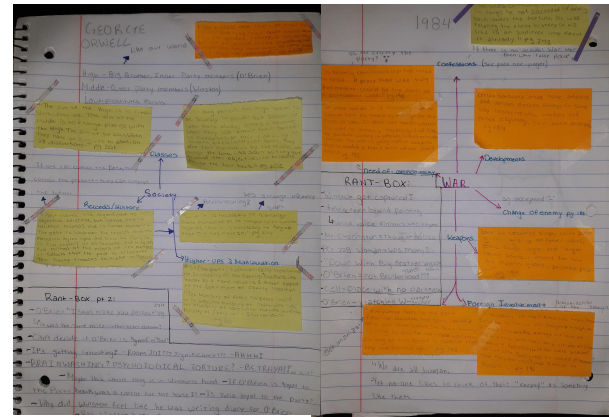
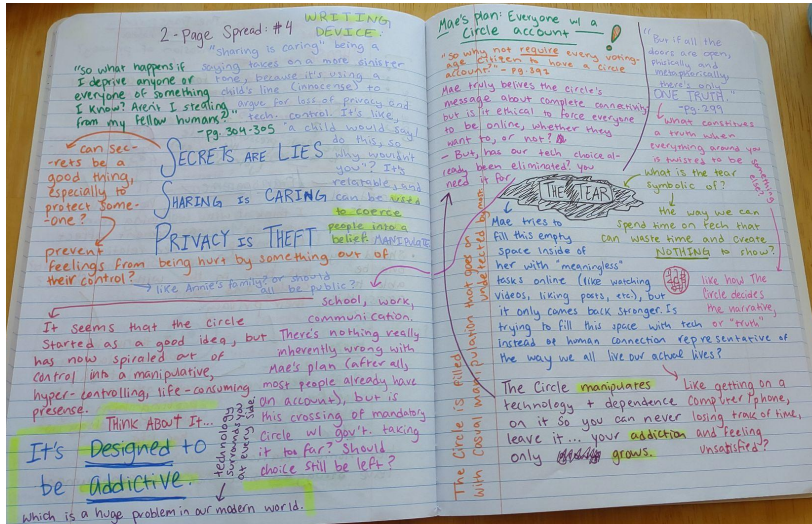
How this book stands out: Cora and Quinn have always been best friends. But when Quinn's older brother takes a gun to school, their lives change forever.

As you read, **think about what's worth talking about.** What big ideas, important questions, or surprising events would you like to talk about? Use **sticky notes, a highlighter, or even a piece of paper to keep track of these things as you read** (powerful quotes from the book, passages that make you think or wonder, etc.)

After reading, **create a 2-page spread on the first two blank pages of your new notebook** to show your personal interaction with the book and that you can use to build a conversation with a book club on the first day of school. Your two-page spread:

- ★ should contain **at least 10** quotes from the book that stood out to you as you read; try to fill the two pages!
- ★ should be your own thinking (not quotes that you found online)
- ★ should be organized and neat
- ★ could include drawings or graphic organizers to show your thinking

Here are some good examples to show you what you could do:



Be sure to bring your notebook and your book on the first day of school. You'll get to talk about your book in book clubs and share your two-page spreads.

I can't wait to talk about these books with you!

Happy summer reading!

Questions? Feel free to email Mrs. Willie (danielle.willie@austinisd.org) any time.