

**Summer Reading Assignment 2016**  
**7<sup>th</sup> grade Discoverers CBG English**  
**Matoaca Middle School**



Reading books you love should be a year-round activity!! To nurture the love of reading and to avoid the "summer slide," you should read six books this summer. Just follow the easy steps below:

1. **Read at least one book from the Virginia Reader's Choice list below.** (See attached list for descriptions.)

Virginia Reader's Choice Middle School Books (Virginia State Reading Assn.)

*Brotherhood*/ A.B. Westrick

*Paper Cowboy*/ Kristin Levine

*Thickety*/ J.A. White

*All the Answers*/ Kate Messner

*The Eighth Day*/ Diane K. Salerni

*I Will Always Write Back*/ Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda

*Echo*/ Pam Munoz Ryan

*The Fourteenth Goldfish*/ Jennifer L. Holm

*Fort*/ Cynthia DeFelice

*The Terrible Two*/ Jory John & Martin Ganda

\*The list contains one book from HS and two from upper Elementary VRC lists.

2. **One** title must meet the CBG-specific requirements below.

"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery." Many writers must have been admirers of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, for numerous classic and modern titles have characters who travel "down rabbit holes" or portals from one world into another, much like Alice.

For part of your summer reading, choose one title from the following list:

*Dark Life* by Kat Falls

*Faerie Path* by Frewin Jones

*Incarceron* by Catherine Fisher

*Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs (Recommended 8th grade and up)

Other options: *Inkheart*, *Pendragon*, anything *Narnia*

*Downsiders* by Neal Shusterman

*First Light* by Rebecca Stead

*Looking Glass Wars* by Frank Beddor

As you read your selected text, complete the attached "Down the Rabbit Hole" Characterization chart. You may fill it in online or by hand. A grade will be given for the chart. The chart is due no later than September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. **Read four additional books\*** of your own choice.

\*Books over 500 pages count as two books.

4. Join the summer reading Google Classroom. The code is 48v7qa.

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“Down the Rabbit Hole” Characterization

Main Character:

World 1:

In 2-3 complete sentences, describe the main character in world 1:

*Ex. —In the Muggle world, Harry is an orphan who is not wanted by his family. He is treated as if he’s invisible and believed to be a troublemaker.*

World 2:

In 2-3 complete sentences, describe the main character in world 2:

*Ex. —At Hogwarts Harry is famous. He is a natural at Quidditch and at some school subjects. He’s a leader, and though he’s sometimes still believed to be a troublemaker, he’s undoubtedly a hero.*

What does the author reveal about the character through his/her travel between worlds? Respond in 3-5 complete sentences.

*Ex. —J.K. Rowling presents Harry in the Muggle world at the beginning of the first few books to establish him as a humble human. This sharp contrast helps ground Harry who otherwise could have become an untouchable, perfect wizard to whom readers could not have related. The reader cheers for Harry more because he begins in modest, even discriminating, circumstances.*

Personal Response to Literature:

Respond to 1 of the following questions in 3-5 complete sentences.

- Reflect on your own behavior: are you ever different in different settings? Why or why not?
- Do you know someone who acts differently depending upon the situation? Why?

