

Bancroft School
Summer Reading List 2010
Incoming Grade 6

REQUIRED READING for all sixth graders: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
REQUIRED READING for entire middle school: *Anything But Typical* by Nora Baskin

Part 1:

As you read *The Giver*, look for ways in which the main character, Jonas, shows his individuality and, on the other hand, conforms to the rules and wishes of the community. In other words, what does Jonas do to show that he is unique and different from others? Conversely, what does Jonas do to show that he can go along with the community's rules and fit in appropriately?

For your written assignment, divide a piece of paper into two columns. On the left side, list 3-5 examples of ways in which Jonas expresses his individuality. On the right side, list 3 -5 examples of ways in which he is being part of the group. Write the page number next to each of your examples. Next, continue these columns, applying these same questions to yourself. That is, list 3 - 5 ways in which *you* express your individuality and 3 - 5 ways in which *you* conform to your community's (your family's, friends', school's, etc.) rules and expectations.

I've started a sample assignment below. Please follow this format.

The Giver by Lois Lowry
Summer Reading Assignment

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Examples of Individuality

1. Jonas saw the apple change in mid-air, looked normal to Asher. Page 24.

Examples of Conformity:

1. Jonas participates in the daily although it sharing of feelings with his family. Page 9+.

Part 2:

For the middle school common read, please see the attached assignment sheet.

Part 3:

Please read at least two other books from any genres or categories listed below. The listed books are only suggestions. You may choose titles that are not listed. **For another good source of titles, visit www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklists.** I hope you find many books you love this summer!

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Sports

Forward Pass, Thomas Dygard
Winning, Robin Brancato
Danger Zone, David Klass
Crash, Jerry Spinelli
Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues, Patricia C. and Frederick McKassick
Girls Got Game: Sports Stories and Poems, Sue Macy, editor
High Heat, Carl Dueker
Rookie of the Year, Highpockets, John R. Tunis
Tangerine, Edward Bloor
Woodson, Gary Paulsen
Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery John Feinstein

Mysteries

The House of Dies Drear, The Mystery of Drear House, Virginia Hamilton
The Dark Secret of Weatherend, The Treasure of Alphaeus Winderborn, Bellairs
The Dark and Deadly Pool, Nixon
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
Devil's Race, Avi
The Boxes, William Sleator
Murder on the Orient Express, Agatha Christie
The Beekeeper's Apprentice, Laurie R. King

Animal Stories

Sounder, William Armstrong
The Incredible Journey, Sheila Bunford

Biography / Autobiography

Boy, Going Solo, Roald Dahl
Guts, Gary Paulsen
Through My Eyes, Ruby Bridges
Ten Queens: Portraits of Women of Power, Milton Meltzer
Martha Graham: A Dancer's Life, Russell Freedman
The World at Her Fingertips: The Story of Helen Keller, Joan Dash
The Greatest: Muhammad Ali, Walter Dean Myers
Leon's Story, Leon Walter Tillage

Adventure

Kim, Rudyard Kipling
Treasure Island, Stevenson
Julie of the Wolves, Jean Craighead George
Touching the Spirit Bear, Ben Mikaelson
The Shinning Company, Rosemary Sutcliffe
Lostman's River, Cynthia De Felice
Tomorrow, When the War Began, John Marsden
The Wreckers, Ian Lawrence

Science Fiction / Fantasy

A Wrinkle in Time, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, Madeleine L'Engle
Strange Attractors, House of Stairs, William Sleator
Over Sea, Under Stone, or Seaward, Susan Cooper
King of Shadows, Susan Cooper
The Enchanted Castle, Edith Nesbit
Dragon's Milk, Susan Fletcher
Deep Wizardry, Diane Duane
The Vile Village, Lemony Snicket
Odysseus in the Serpent Maze, Jane Yollen and Robert Harris
Artemis Fowl, Eoin Colfer
The House of the Scorpion, Nancy Farmer
Skellig, David Almond
A Bridge to Terabithia, Katherine Patterson
A Dusk of Demons, John Christopher
Circle of Magic, Sandry's Book, Tamora Pierce
Everything on a Waffle, Polly Horvath
Cirque Du Freak, Darren Shan
Inkheart, Inkspell, or Dragon Rider, Cornelia Funke
The Fire Within, Chris d'Lacey

Historical Fiction

The Devil's Arithmetic, Jane Yolen
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
Sing Down the Moon, Scott O'Dell
Lyddie, Katherine Patterson
The Door in the Wall, Marguerite DeAngeli
Under the Blood-Red Sun, Graham Salisbury
A Step from Heaven, An Na
Carver: A Life in Poems, Marilyn Nelson
The Demon in the Teahouse, Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler
Beware, Princess Elizabeth, Carolyn Meyer
The Silent, Boy Lois Lowry
Burning Issy, Melvin Burgess
Catherine Called Birdy, Karen Cushman
Cat Running, Zilpha Keatley Snyder
True North, Kathryn Lasky
The Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich
Bat 6, Euwer Wolff
Slap Your Sides, M.E. Kerr
Maggie's Door, Patricia Reilly Giff

Realistic Fiction

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town, Kimberley Willis Holt

Monkey Island, The Village by the Sea, Paula Fox

A Summer to Die, Number the Stars, Lois Lowry

A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich, Alice Childress

Nobody's Family is Going to Change, Louise Fitzhugh

A Family Apart, Jean Lowery Nixon

The Buffalo Tree, Adam Rapp

Letters From the Inside, John Marsden

The Red Pony, John Steinbeck

Phoenix Rising, Karen Hesse

Whirligig, Paul Fleischman

Nothing but the Truth, Avi

Colibri, Ann Cameron

El Bronx Remembered, Nicholasa Mohr

Maniac Magee, Jerry Spinelli

Gypsy, Davey, Chris Lynch

Granny the Pag, Nina Boder

No Turning Back, Beverly Naidoo

Weetzie Bat, Francesca Lia Block

The Misfits, James Howe

Follow-up Assignment:

1. For each book, write a brief review on a 4' by 6' index card. Set it up as follows:

Author's last name, Author's first name	Genre (type)
Title of book (underlined)	Your Name
Number of pages	
Brief Plot Summary: (three sentences)	
Two strengths of the book:	
"If you like _____, you will like this book."	

On the back of the card, draw and color a picture that shows an event from the book. Try not to leave any blank white space on the back of the card, and make sure the picture is oriented horizontally.

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