

Summer Reading Assignment
7th and 8th grade

Book 1: There will be a book test on this one the first week (not day) of school.

Call of the Wild, by Jack London

Perhaps Jack London's most famous novel, this a tale of a heroic dog, Buck, and his survival in the brutal environment of Alaska during the Gold Rush.

Written work: This must be turned in on the first day of school. It will be graded on the meeting of requirements and the amount of thought and effort demonstrated (TEST GRADE)

1. Write a different title for each chapter (7) based on the theme, main events, etc. Explain why you chose this title.
2. Draw an illustration of a scene, character or event for each chapter (7) in the story.

Book 2:

Maniac Magee, by Jerry Spinelli (If you already read this, read a different book by this author, like *Space Station Seventh Grade*.)

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary as he accomplishes athletic and other feats that awe his contemporaries, and challenge their view of life.

Written work: Turn in first day of school, graded as seen above. (TEST GRADE)

"Character comments"- for every two chapters (there are 46, but some are very short), write a comment you would make to one of the characters in that section. Be sure to indicate which character you mean.

Example:

Chapters 1,2-

"Jeffrey, I cannot believe you screamed at your aunt and uncle in the middle of a show! I don't blame you though; life with them must have been tense, to say the least!"