

7th Grade Summer Reading

Required Book: *House Arrest* by K.A. Holt

Assignment:

- Answer the 10 discussion questions. Number each of your responses.
- You may write your responses by hand on a piece of looseleaf, or preferably, you may type your answers. If you choose to write by hand, you must use blue or black pen. Use your neatest handwriting or printing. **(No crossouts!!)**
- Make sure to answer **all parts** of each question.
- Use complete sentences and be thorough and descriptive. The more you can tell me, the better!!
- Use correct spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. Proofread before you turn in your work.

Extra Credit:

If you read one of the following books and create a google slide show using the directions attached, you will receive 10 extra credit points to be used on any reading assignment in the first trimester.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Rebound by Kwame Alexander

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrik

Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff

The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi & Jason Reynolds

House Arrest

By K.A. Holt

Discussion Questions

1. Should Timothy have stolen the credit card to buy medicine for his brother? Why or why not?
2. It is against the law for Timothy to steal? Does that make it morally wrong?
3. In general, should people do everything they can to obey the law? Why or why not?
4. “Mrs. Bainbridge called the last part of the journal/ a breakthrough... I don’t feel like I’ve broken through anything, though./Really./Maybe some things have broken through me?” (pg. 25) What do you think Mrs. Bainbridge meant when she said Timothy had a breakthrough? Did something “break through” Timothy? If so, what?
5. On pages 33-34 Mrs. Bainbridge’s questions are actual dialogue, while Timothy’s responses are interior monologue. Why do you think Timothy chose this way to represent his reactions? Why do you think the author chose this way to represent the scene?
6. Discuss the author’s use of figurative language on page 47. What is the effect of comparing the mysterious gift to fireworks and a slant of sunshine? How are these metaphors effective in conveying Timothy’s feelings here?

7. Timothy says about Jose, “He just doesn’t even know” (pg. 60) This is a refrain throughout the book. Discuss who else Timothy accuses of “not knowing.” What does he think each of these characters misunderstands about his life? Based on textual evidence, do you think this is a fair assessment?
8. Compare Jose’s family and house to Timothy’s. What do you think Timothy feels about Jose’s family? How does he feel when he’s at Jose’s house? What role do Jose and his family play in Timothy’s life?
9. Given the incidents at the end of the book, do you think Timothy changed, or developed, through the course of the book? Explain how.
10. There are any acts of generosity throughout this novel. Which would you say was the most generous gift of all?

Extra Credit - Google SlideShow

Create a google slideshow. You will share your slideshow with me during the first week of school.

Slides 2-6 should have headings

Proofread carefully - spelling, capitalization, and punctuation matter!!

Slide 1 - include the title, author, and copyright date of your book. Make sure that your name is also on this slide!

Slide 2 - Setting - describe when and where the story takes place

Slide 3 - Characters - list and describe each of the main characters in your story. Tell something about each character's personality.

Slide 4 - Plot Summary - write a summary of the book covering important events from the beginning, middle, and end. The summary should be no less than 5 sentences.

Slide 5 - Conflict/ Resolution - What problem did the main character in the book face? How did the story end? Was the problem overcome?

Slide 6 - Review/Opinion - tell whether you liked this book and why or why not. Be specific about what you did or did not like. To whom would you recommend this book?