



Greetings Future 7th Grade IB Students,

You may choose **ONE** of the novels listed below to read this summer followed by selecting **ONE** of the below activities. Your completed activity should be printed and turned in to Mrs. Maxwell by 3:10 p.m. on August 16th, 2024. All IB students have the option to choose **ONE** book from the following reading list:

- *Buried Onions* by Gary Soto
- *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare
- *Kon-Tiki* by Thor Heyerdahl
- *The Dark is Rising* by Susan Cooper
- *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser
- *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly
- *Additional Options:*
  - *Harris and Me* by Gary Paulsen
  - *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
  - *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
- All IB students may select **ONE** of the following writing prompts:
  - Choice 1, Narrative: Write a narrative essay developing a new last chapter for the book, one which gives a new ending to the story. (ELAGSE7W3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, relevant descriptive details, and well-structured event sequences).
  - Choice 2, Informational: Write an informational essay analyzing how your book supports its appropriate theme. For example, how does *Buried Onions* by Gary Soto support the theme of bold actions? (ELAGSE7W2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content).
  - Choice 3, Argumentative: Write an argumentative essay claiming which event of the book had the greatest impact on the story. (ELAGSE7W1: Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence).
- Documents must be MS Word, or PDF Format not to surpass 500 words, in Times New Roman font size 12, double-spaced, printed on 8 ½" x 11" sized paper, with your name noted in the upper right hand corner, and stapled together when necessary.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Maxwell  
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