

SUMMER READING 2019

WORLD HISTORY 7

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT SERIES BEING OFFERED TO THE STUDENTS FOR SUMMER READING. THE ASSIGNMENT IS TO SELECT ONE OF THE BOOKS FROM EITHER OF THE SERIES, READ IT, AND DO THE PROJECT FOR IT. THE PROJECT WILL BE A POWER POINT PRESENTATION USING GOOGLE SLIDES OR PREZI. A POWERPOINT RUBRIC IS ATTACHED.

Royal Diaries Series

“The Royal Diaries is a series of 20 books published by [Scholastic Press](#) from 1999 to 2005. In each of the books, a fictional diary of a real female figure of royalty as a child throughout world history was written by the author. The Royal Diaries was a spin-off of Scholastic's popular [Dear America](#) series. While Dear America, [My Name Is America](#), and [My America](#) were all cancelled in 2004, The Royal Diaries continued until 2005.

Unlike Dear America, which consisted of diaries of young girls living during pivotal periods in American history, The Royal Diaries is a series that features women of royalty from all over the world. The series is fictional, though it involves real historical figures. Facts and images concerning the historical figure featured in the book are given at the end of each of the books.” --An excerpt from Wikipedia

The following is a list of books that falls within the time period for the 7th grade World History class.

Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt, 57 B.C.

By Kristiana Gregory

Lady of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South, Southern China, 531 A.D.

By Laurence Yep

Sondok: Princess of the Moon & Stars, Korea, 595 A.D.

By Sheri Holman

Eleanor: Crown Jewel of Aquitaine, France, 1136

By Kristiana Gregory

Lady of Palenque: Flower of Bacal, Mesoamerica, A.D. 749

By Anna Kirwan

Isabel: Jewel of Castilla, Spain, 1466

By Carolyn Meyer

Anacaona: Golden Flower of Haiti, 1490

The Roman Mysteries by Caroline Lawrence

“The Roman Mysteries is a series of historical novels for children by Caroline Lawrence.... The books take place in the ancient Roman Empire during the reign of the Emperor Titus. They detail the adventures of four children who solve mysteries and have adventures in Ostia, Rome, Greece, and beyond: Flavia, a Roman girl who lives in Ostia; Nubia, a slave girl from Africa; Jonathan, a Jewish boy; and Lupus, a mute beggar boy.”

--an excerpt from Wikipedia

The following are the first 9 books in the series. There are 17 books. They do not need to be read in order, so a student could choose any one of the books. However, I would recommend the first book The Thieves of Ostia since it is the first story introducing the characters.

The Thieves of Ostia

The Secrets of Vesuvius

The Pirates of Pompeii

The Assassins of Rome

The Dolphins of Laurentum

The Twelve Tasks of Flavia Gemina

The Enemies of Jupiter

The Gladiators from Capua

The Colossus of Rhodes

PowerPoint Rubric 7th Grade Summer Reading

	90-100	70-89	50-69
Author/Title Slide 1	Title is present on the first slide and includes author's and student's name. At least one picture	Title is present but without the author's name or picture	Incomplete
Protagonist (main character with "good" qualities) Slide 2	Character is identified and clearly described with specific detail. A picture that represents the character	Character is identified and described adequately. Picture not related to character	Character is identified but no details are included. No picture
Antagonist (opposing/evil character, enemy) Slide 3	Character is identified and clearly described with specific details A picture that represents the character	Character is identified and described adequately. Picture not related to character	Character is identified but no details are included. No picture
Exposition (setting, time period and place, along with a brief summary of the story) Slide 4	Identified correctly and clearly explained with specific evidence/ details and textual examples. Include a picture representing one of the scenes	Identified correctly and explained with sufficient details to understand. No picture	Incomplete identification No picture
Vocabulary (list of 5 new vocabulary words) Slide 5	5 new words you learned, along with definition and/or context clues from the novel. At least 2 pics	Some of the words are defined. 1 picture	Words are not defined or explained. No pictures
Theme (Big idea or message from the author) Slide 6	Correctly connects to the book, and the description is clearly supported by details/evidence from the text. Picture included	Correctly connects to the book with a supported description. Picture closely relates to theme	Incomplete theme and description. No picture or picture does not relate to the theme.
Figurative Language (simile, metaphor, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia, hyperbole, etc). Pick 2 and explain. Slide 7	Two terms are defined and examples from the book are provided along with 2 pictures.	One explained and a picture	Incomplete explanations No pictures
Genre (Fiction/Nonfiction Fantasy/autobiography) How do you know? Give an example from the story to prove your point Slide 8	Almost perfect, few errors Include a picture to represent genre	Some errors Includes a picture	Too many errors No picture
Student Recommendation/Opinion (Why should someone else read this book? Give 3 specific reasons someone should/should not read the book) Slide 9	Persuasive and detailed recommendation supported by the reader's opinion of the text. Provides three (3) specific reasons why someone should read this book. Include pics	Reasonable recommendation supported by the reader's opinion of the text (two reasons)	Incomplete recommendation