


6th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

1. Required Humanities Reading - This summer students are expected to read Alan Gratz's *Two Degrees*. Below is the accompanying assignment students should complete after they read the novel. Students should bring their copy of *Two Degrees* as well as their assignment with them on the first day of school. Please note that the "postcard" can be on a regular 8 ½ x 11 inch piece of paper; it does not have to be postcard sized. I would recommend completing the assignment directly following reading the book.

SUMMER READING TASK: TWO DEGREES




DEAR FUTURE 6TH GRADER,

Summer is that golden time of year when there's more time to read for pleasure and fun. For humanities class, please do the following:

- (1) Read *Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz.
- (2) Write and design 7-9 sentence postcard from one of the four main characters' perspectives (Akira, Owen, George, or Natalie). In your character's voice, share what they've been through, how they've changed and why. Please do your best writing.
- (3) Create a visual that captures the struggle of your chosen character.

I hope you enjoy your summer! See you soon. I am pumped to read, write, and THINK with you in middle school!



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2. Required MS Book Club - In addition to the above, students will also read a book for the middle school book club. Returning students have already selected a book; incoming students should choose one book from the list. The goal of this Middle School Book Club is to enjoy reading a story with diverse characters and exciting plotlines that will spark lively discussions in cross-grade groups. Each student is responsible for borrowing or purchasing their own audio or hard copy of their chosen book. There is no required assignment. Book groups will meet to discuss opinions, favorite scenes and characters within the first few weeks of school.

3. Suggested Reading List - Lastly, it's strongly suggested that students read *at least* one additional book from the suggested rereading list. Please encourage your student to do so. I highly recommend that students at this age develop the habit of reading for pleasure 20-30 minutes per day as a part of their routine.