

7th GRADE SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

1. For the mandatory reading of *My Brother Sam is Dead*: When you have read the book, you will prepare a written book review essay. Before doing so, however, please complete the “Critiquing a Book” sheet listed in part 2, which will help you in writing the essay.

This essay should meet the following expectations:

- Essays will be three paragraphs in length
- The introduction paragraph will contain an attention grabbing hook, summary of the book, and your recommendation.
- There will be one body paragraph, providing support for your recommendation. This paragraph should explain why you recommend this book or not. Examples from the book are very helpful!
- The conclusion paragraph should restate your recommendation in different words.

2. For all three books read: Complete the “Critiquing a Book” sheet. This activity will demonstrate that you have read the book and understand its story elements.
3. Have fun reading!