

**Uplift North Hills Preparatory**  
*7th Grade English Language Arts – MYP Language A Year 2*

# SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

**Due: Tuesday, August 12 (A DAY) and Wednesday, August 13 (B DAY)**

PLEASE NOTE: The **Uplift Summer Reading Assignment** is not required, but the Uplift North Hills 7th Grade Summer Reading assignment described on the following pages **is required** and will be counted as a Summative Grade for Quarter 1. Students are REQUIRED to read both novels prior to starting 7th grade. One chosen for them and one of their choosing from the provided list.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Reisen at [mreisen@uplifteducation.org](mailto:mreisen@uplifteducation.org)

*Please join the 7th Grade Summer Reading Schoology Course for resources to assist you in completing your work over the summer!*

*Access Code:* **3TQK-7G6H-DX6MH**

- ★ Assignment: Students will complete the following two part assignment. All work must be **fully completed and done neatly** for full credit. Writing should be in complete sentences & grammatically correct.

**Part 1:** Create an original **Funko POP!** Demigod Character based on your own life, personality, and interests. You should include the following in both your design and the written component. Please write your information in the character biography section on the template and the summary of your quest on a separate sheet of notebook paper and glue to the back of your POP! template.

- Your godly parent (make sure explain why)
- Your demigod powers
- A symbolic item or weapon
- A modern-day setting of your choice
- A small summary of your “demigod quest”
  - This should be in the narrative style, have an appropriate beginning, middle, and end, and be at least two paragraphs long
  - ~3-6 sentences per paragraph

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**Part 2:** This part should be TYPED, PRINTED and submitted in person.

Using the book of your choice, and this prompt you will complete the following:

**Prompt:** *What makes the person in your book of choice a real life hero? Think about what they went through, how they responded, and why their story matters.*

1. **Write a clear thesis statement that answers the prompt.**
    - a. Your thesis should tell us your main idea in one sentence.
  2. **Support your thesis with 2-3 pieces of evidence from the book**
    - a. These can be moments, actions, or quotes that show why the person is heroic.
  3. **Wrap it up with a reflection**
    - a. In 2-3 sentences, explain why this story matters to you or what you learned from it.
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### **GRADING**

*Total possible points: 100*

*Demigod Character Info: 25 points*

*POP Figure Design: 25 points*

*Thesis Statement & Support: 50 points*

## 7TH GRADE SUMMER 2025 READING LIST

- **EVERYONE READS/VIEWS**

- ***Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan**

- ISBN-10: 9780786838653
- ISBN-13: 978-0786838653
- Graphic Novel: ISBN-10 : 1423117107  
ISBN-13 : 978-1423117100



- You will also be responsible for viewing ALL of the video clips provided to you via the schoology course in the folder **Lightning Thief Series Disney+ Clips**

- *Take note of the differences in the scenes from book to screen, and be prepared to discuss these within the first few weeks of class.*
- *There is a comparison guide to help you loaded into the folder as well*

- **CHOOSE ONE FROM THE LIST BELOW TO READ**

★ ***YOU WILL BE USING THIS BOOK IN QUARTER 2!***

- ***I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai (Younger Readers Edition)**

*Malala Yousafzai tells her incredible story of standing up to the Taliban for her right to education in Pakistan. Through courage and resilience, she shows that one voice can spark worldwide change. This powerful memoir inspires readers to believe in the importance of education and the strength of youth activism.*

- ISBN-10 : 0316327913
- ISBN-13 : 978-0316327916

- ***We Beat the Street* by Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. George Jenkins, Dr. Rameck Hunt**  
*Three friends growing up in a tough neighborhood make a pact to rise above their circumstances and become doctors. Their true story reveals the challenges of inner-city life and the power of determination, friendship, and education. *We Beat the Street* is an inspiring journey of perseverance and hope.*

- ISBN-10 : 0142406279
- ISBN-13 : 978-0142406274

- ***Someone Like Me* by Julissa Arce**

*Julissa Arce shares her journey growing up as an undocumented immigrant chasing her American Dream. Despite facing poverty, fear, and obstacles, she achieves academic and personal success through hard work and resilience. Her story challenges perceptions of identity and belonging in a powerful, relatable way.*

- ISBN-10 : 031648170X
- ISBN-13 : 978-0316481700

## 7TH GRADE SUMMER 2025 READING LIST

○ ***El Deafo*** by Cece Bell

*In this heartfelt graphic novel memoir, Cece Bell recounts her childhood experiences growing up deaf and finding her "superpower" through her hearing aid. As she navigates friendships and self-acceptance, Cece transforms her differences into strengths. El Deafo is a funny, moving celebration of individuality and courage.*

■ ISBN-10 : 1419712179

■ ISBN-13 : 978-1419712173

○ ***They Called Us Enemy*** by George Takei

*In this graphic memoir, actor George Takei recounts his childhood in American internment camps during World War II. Through powerful visuals and storytelling, Takei sheds light on a dark chapter of U.S. history and the resilience of his family. His story is a moving reminder of the importance of standing up for justice.*

■ ISBN-10 : 1603094504

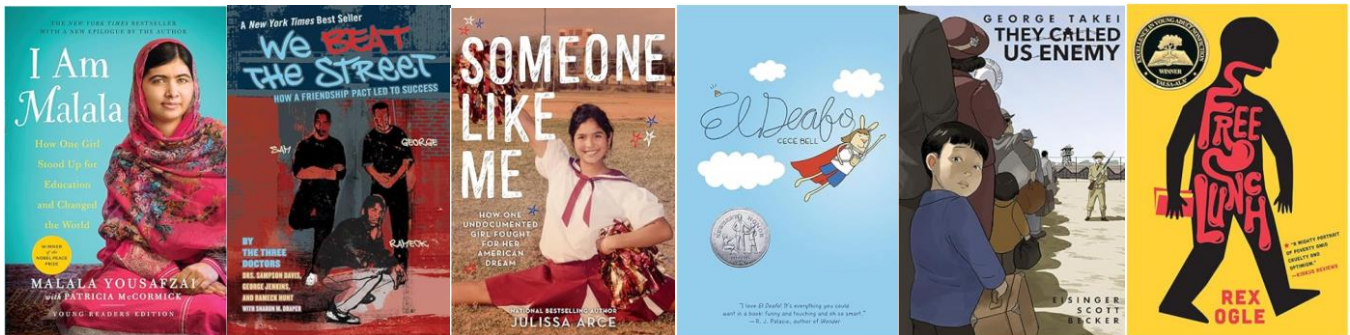
■ ISBN-13 : 978-1603094504

○ ***Free Lunch*** by Rex Ogle


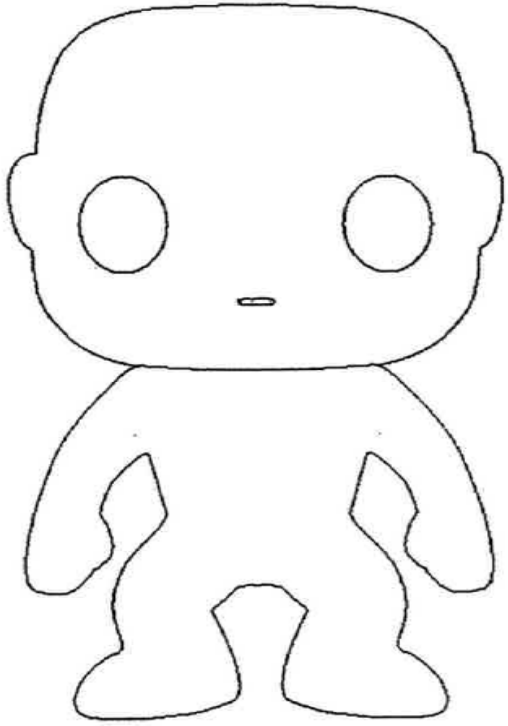
*Rex Ogle shares his raw and honest experiences growing up in poverty, starting with the humiliating moment of receiving free lunch at school. His memoir captures the hardships, embarrassment, and resilience of surviving difficult childhood circumstances. Free Lunch is a powerful, empathetic story that gives voice to often overlooked struggles.*


■ ISBN-10 : 1324016949

■ ISBN-13 : 978-1324016946



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	<b>Series</b>
	
<b>Character Name</b>	

	<b>Character Name</b>
<b>Character Biography</b>	
<b>COLLECT THEM ALL!</b>	
