

Summer Reading for 2011-2012 Seventh-Grade Students

Please read the following books this summer and be ready to discuss them upon return to school in August. The following assignments are due on the first day back.

1. The Circuit by Francisco Jimenez

The first trimester of school, we will be talking about what separates and divides us as people, families, groups, societies and countries. **As you read each of the autobiographical stories about a young Mexican boy immigrating to this country in The Circuit, keep a list of what creates divisions between this young man and the citizens of his new country in each of the stories.** Be prepared to discuss these differences and how they are similar to and/or different from than those of other immigrants to this country.

2. **Choose a DJ MacHale book** (described below)

Create a book jacket for the book you chose to read. Include an original cover illustration, a summary of the story on the book flaps and a review or two of the book on the back cover. Take a look at examples of book jackets in the library or at a bookstore to choose a format.

DJ MacHale has us imagine what it would be like to discover we aren't the people we thought we were in his Pendragon series. Bobby Pendragon was living the life of a normal 14-year old guy until his Uncle Press appeared with a mission: to protect all of time and space from a demon named Saint Dane, a cold-blooded villain who wants nothing less than the dismantling of humanity. The only force standing in Saint Dane's way is a mysterious group of people called Travelers and Bobby is surprised to discover that he is one of them.

*Choose one of the following DJ MacHale books from the Pendragon series described above: <http://djmachalebooks.com/books/pendragon/>

OR

In his Morpheus Road series, DJ MacHale has us on the edge of our seats as we follow the mysterious events that occur when one of Marshall's sketches takes a threatening, human form at the same time his friend, Cooper, mysteriously disappears. Is there a connection? As Marshall searches for the truth, he uncovers a nightmare more horrifying than he could have ever imagined.

*Choose one of the two DJ MacHale books from the Morpheus Road series:

Morpheus Road/ The Light

Morpheus Road/ The Dark