

Grade 7 English Language Arts

Week of February 1 – February 5

Lesson 1: Introduction to Independent Novel Study



Instructions

The purpose of an individual novel study is to read a novel that you are interested in for the purpose of study.

- Though you should enjoy reading this novel, your goal here is to get something more out of it than if you were just reading for pleasure. Ideally, you should push your reading abilities by studying a novel with a **focus** or a **theme**.
- This is a good time to read a novel that you had been planning to get to sometime. You might look at classic literature or award-winning fiction. You might want to explore a genre, such as science-fiction, mystery, fantasy, or historical fiction, that you have been wanting to learn more about.
- Above all, you should choose a novel that is new to you in some way and at or slightly above your reading level. This isn't the time for re-reading a favourite or whipping through something easy.

Here is a suggested reading list for Grade 7. This list is not exhaustive. If you have another novel, you'd like to read, then discuss it with your home facilitator.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
A Darker Magic	Michael Bedard
Who is Frances Rain?	Margaret Buffie
Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis
Next Door Neighbors	Sarah Ellis
Cowboys Don't Cry	Marilyn Halvorson
Far North	Will Hobbs
I am David	Anne Holm
Sweetgrass	Jan Hudson
No More Dead Dogs	Gordon Korman
The Wreckers	Ian Lawrence
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
Peacekeepers	Dianne Linden
To Dance at the Palais Royale	Janet McNaughton
Lost in the Barrens	Farley Mowat
Rascal	Sterling North
Secret of NIMH	Robert O'Brien
Silverwing	Kenneth Oppel
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznik
Tilly	Monique Gray Smith
Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli
My Name is Seepeetza	Shirley Sterling
Smile	Raina Telgelmeier
Banner in the Sky	James Ramsey Ullman

Today your work is to think carefully and find a novel that you would like to read. Once you have chosen your novel, follow along in the learning guide as you read your novel.

Get ready to learn by thinking about this:

Are you resilient? Do you have a strong sense of self and connection to family, community and culture?

So, what does it mean to be resilient?

Overview of Lessons:

- 1. Read a novel.
- 2. Complete the activities in the reading guide and submit.
- 3. Complete a reading project.
- 4. Take a short test to show your understanding of professional writing.
- 5. In the writer's workshop, you will go through the writing project to create your own piece of professional writing, an e-zine! An online magazine!