



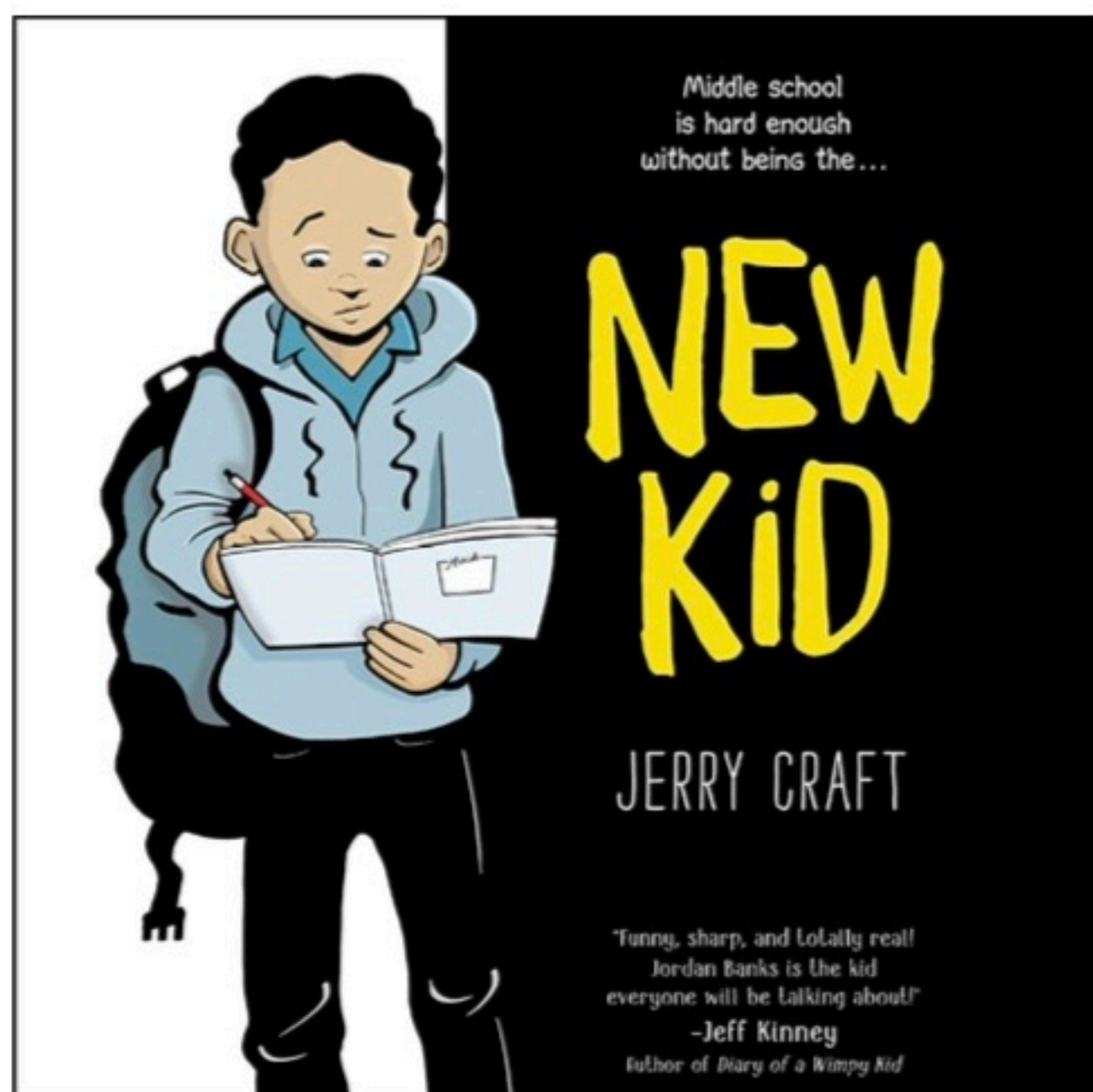
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Junior Highschool Summer Reading Assignment

Each student entering 7th-8th grade will have a grade-level appropriate, assigned reader and corresponding assignments. The books are available at Barnes and Noble (online or in store) and at amazon.com. Please check your local, public library for availability, if you prefer a sign out option. For your convenience, all of the book information is available on the school's website; www.ncacademy.org.

Assignments: 7th Grade

Read: *New Kid*, by Jerry Craft
ISBN: 978-0062691194



Book Description:

Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award, and Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature.

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?

Chapter Log:

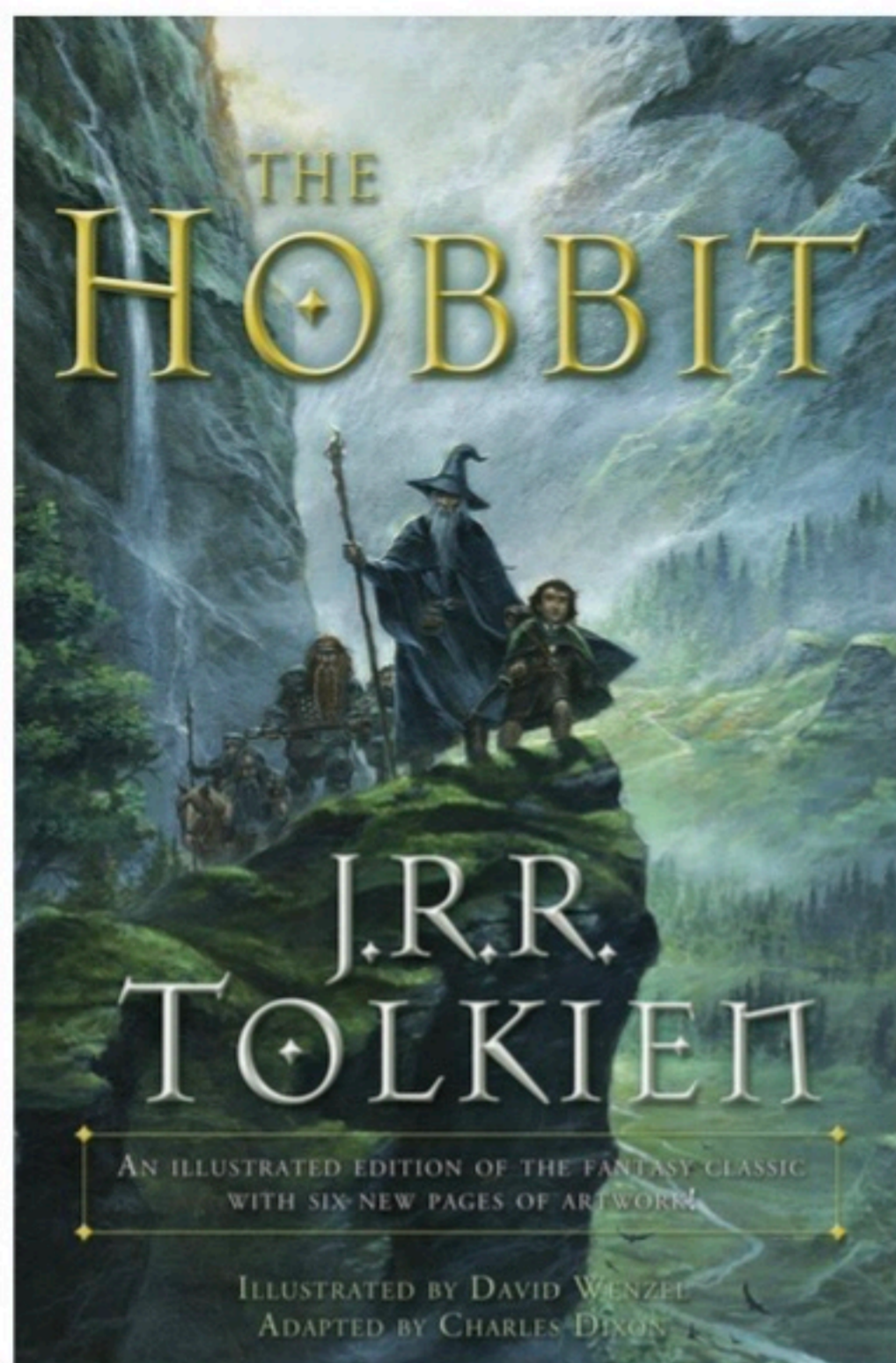
All students are responsible to keep a log of information for each chapter. Each entry should include a brief summary of the plot and any important character development.

Creative Project:

All students will create a piece of visual, graphic, modeling, decorative, literary, or performance art that reflects a key symbol(s) from their summer reading novel. The artwork should clearly showcase the particular symbol(s) that appears in the novel. NOTE: Literary symbols are characters, settings, images, or other repeated elements that stand in for bigger ideas.

Assignments: 8th Grade

Read: *The Hobbit (Graphic Novel): An Illustrated Edition of the Fantasy Classic*, by J.R.R. Tolkien, adapted by Charles Dixon
ISBN: 978-0345445605



Book Description:

When Thorin Oakenshield and his band of dwarves embark upon a dangerous quest to reclaim the hoard of gold stolen from them by the evil dragon Smaug, Gandalf the wizard suggests an unlikely accomplice: Bilbo Baggins, an unassuming Hobbit dwelling in peaceful Hobbiton.

Along the way, the company faces trolls, goblins, giant spiders, and worse. But as they journey from the wonders of Rivendell to the terrors of Mirkwood and beyond, Bilbo will find that there is more to him than anyone—himself included—ever dreamed. Unexpected qualities of courage and cunning, and a love of adventure, propel Bilbo toward his great destiny . . . a destiny that waits in the dark caverns beneath the Misty Mountains, where a twisted creature known as Gollum jealously guards a precious magic ring.

Chapter Log:

All students are responsible to keep a log of information for each chapter. Each entry should include a brief summary of the plot and any important character development. NOTE: *The Hobbit* graphic novel does not have chapter entries. Your entries will be

separated as follows: Section 1: pgs. 1-13; Section 2: pgs. 14-27; Section 3: pgs. 28-40; Section 4: pgs. 41-54; Section 5: pgs. 55-67; Section 6: pgs. 68-80; Section 7: pgs. 81-93; Section 8: pgs. 94-107; Section 9: pgs. 108-120; Section 10: pgs. 121-134

Creative Project:

All students will create a piece of visual, graphic, modeling, decorative, literary, or performance art that reflects a major theme(s) from their summer reading novel. The artwork should clearly showcase the particular theme(s) that appears in the novel. NOTE: A literary theme is the significant meaning an author is trying to convey through the story.

Grading—All Grades:

This summer reading assignment will be counted as your first grade, in Languages Arts/English, for the 2023-2024 school year. Students will submit their assignments on the first day of school.

**PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO COMPLETE THIS ASSIGNMENT;
START EARLY AND PACE YOURSELF!**