

7th Grade Summer Reading 2023

Students will read *Counting by 7s* this summer. Additionally, students are encouraged to choose an independent reading book. Below I have included a link where the book can be found. Once students have read *Counting by 7s*, they will complete the following assignments by Monday, August 14, 2023. The reading will be used for future in-class quizzes, and assignments at the beginning of the semester. Students are encouraged to make notes in the book as they read.

Link to novel: [Counting by 7s](#)

1. Write a letter to a friend telling them about *Counting by 7s*.

The first paragraph should be a friendly introduction, in which you greet your friend and mention the novel you just read. (6-7 sentences)

The second paragraph should summarize what you read. (6-7 sentences)

The third paragraph should explain your thoughts on Willow's transformation from the beginning to end of the novel. Make sure to paraphrase and include specific details from major events in the novel. (6-7 sentences)

In the last paragraph, you will explain to your friend why we should be concerned about issues happening to those around us. Share your thoughts on how someone in another country affects you— in America, in my personal life – in any way. (6-7 sentences)

2. Create a collage: After you have written your friend a letter, create a collage to represent one of the characters from *Counting by 7s*. Take creative liberties!

First, choose a character from the novel to create a collage about.

Second, choose at least TWO direct quotes from that character in the novel to include in your collage.

Third, choose at least TWO quotes that describe the character's personality.

Fourth, choose images that relate to your character to include in the collage. The images can be printed, drawn, or cut from a magazine.

Fifth, combine all the above into a collage. Decorate as you'd like in order to make the collage appealing.