



***Counting by 7's* by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

Summer Reading

Due Monday August 24, 2026.

Students will read ***Counting by 7s*** this summer. Students should annotate important ideas and characters and take notes as they read.

Here is the link where the book can be purchased: <https://a.co/d/iuqAAxN>

Once students have completed the novel, they should complete the assignment listed below.

A one pager is a collage of illustrations and written analyses on one page that make up an aesthetically pleasing and detailed interpretation of a subject or piece of literature.

Directions

Share your unique understanding of the text on one page by imaginatively blending your written ideas with colorful images from the story. You should spend at least thirty minutes reading and/or brainstorming ideas before you begin decorating your page. Use a standard size piece of blank paper (8.5 x 11).

Below is a list of what should be included on your page:

- Include the title of the novel and the author's name.
- Include one theme from the novel and explain how the author incorporates this message into the plot.
- Incorporate two images that directly relate to the plot somehow.
- Illustrate one symbol from the book and explain the symbolism.
- In 2-5 sentences, write a brief summary of the book.
- Explain who is your favorite character and why? Include a quote from your favorite character.
- In one sentence, explain what you thought of the book or what you learned from the story.

- Choose one or more of the following literary elements to incorporate into your project using specific examples from *Counting by 7's*: setting, motif, point of view, foreshadowing, conflict, mood, tone, irony, characterization, or imagery.
- You must fill the entire page.
- Your page must be colored.

Grading Rubric

Overall Appearance	Your page is detailed and neat. Images are clear and text is easy to read. The overall appearance is creative and aesthetically pleasing.	25 Points
Information	Your summary, explanations, and references are accurate and you include all the components required in the directions.	20 Points
Analysis	You show you understand the literature through your explanation and use of examples/quotations from the text.	20 Points
Plot References	The symbols, theme, and literary elements you chose are all insightful and accurate. They depict important ideas from the story.	15 Points
Graphics	You chose illustrations that highlight important parts of the novel. The graphic elements are neat, colored, and are incorporated seamlessly into the work.	20 Points