



ST. BARNABAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2017 READING FOR INCOMING 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

FOR THE 2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR

*Welcome to the Seventh Grade Reading!*

During the summer, please read the following two (2) novels and complete the adjoining activities.

1. Novel: Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
2. Novel: Nightjohn by Gary Paulsen

**Activity #1:**

Define what is meant by the genre historical fiction (be specific). Explain how and why both books, Johnny Tremain and Nightjohn, fit the genre of historical fiction.

**Activity #2:**

As proof of his Lyte ancestry, Johnny's mother gave him a precious silver cup. The cup is an heirloom, a valuable possession handed down from one generation to another. What special heirloom do you or a member of your family possess? How did you/they come to own it? Why is it meaningful? Where do you hope the heirloom will be 100 years from now?

**Activity #3:**

Esther Forbes's novel ends with these words: "Rab had died. Hundreds would die, but not the thing they died for". The patriots believed strongly in America. They truly loved America. **List** and **explain** four ways you show your love of America.

All activities are to be submitted the first week of school (Friday) typed.

The book Johnny Tremain must be in class as well.

***All writing is to be done in full sentences, paragraph form.***

***Watch spelling, grammar and punctuation.***

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You may also enjoy reading the following books. (Optional).

1. My Brother Sam is Dead by C. and J. Collier
2. Chains by Laurie Halse (book #1 of a trilogy)
3. Sarny by Gary Paulsen (Continuation of Nightjohn)