

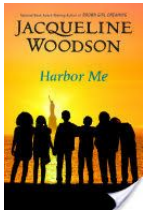
Summer Reading Assignment 2019 GIFTED ELA 6th Grade

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

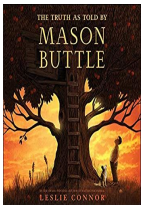
I am excited to have you next year in 6th grade! As we enter into the 1st nine weeks, it's important that we start the year successfully. Your summer reading assignment is to read **one** of the following books. Assignments will be shared and turned in the first week of school.



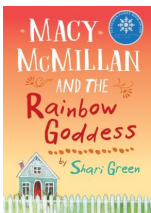
Ungifted by Gordon Korman. The word gifted has never been applied to a kid like Donovan Curtis. It's usually more like Don't try this at home. So when the troublemaker pulls a major prank at his middle school, he thinks he's finally gone too far. But thanks to a mix-up by one of the administrators, instead of getting in trouble, Donovan is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction (ASD), a special program for gifted and talented students.



Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson. It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in. There, in the room they soon dub the ARTT Room (short for "A Room to Talk"), they discover it's safe to talk about what's bothering them—everything from Esteban's father's deportation and Haley's father's incarceration to Amari's fears of racial profiling and Ashton's adjustment to his changing family fortunes. When the six are together, they can express the feelings and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of their lives.



The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor. Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief. Fifteen months ago, Mason's best friend, Benny Kilmartin, turned up dead in the Buttle family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can't understand why Lieutenant Baird won't believe the story Mason has told about that day. Both Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, are relentlessly bullied by the other boys in their neighborhood, so they create an underground club space for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. But will anyone believe him?



Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess by Shari Green. Sixth grade is coming to an end, and so is life as Macy McMillan knows it. Already a "For Sale" sign mars the front lawn of her beloved house. Soon her mother will upend their perfect little family, adding a stepfather and six-year-old twin stepsisters. To add insult to injury, what is Macy's final sixth grade assignment? A genealogy project. Well, she'll put it off - just like those wedding centerpieces she's supposed to be making. Just when Macy's mother ought to be understanding, she sends Macy next door to help 86 year old Iris Gillan, who is also getting ready to move - in her case into an assisted living facility. Iris can't pack a single box on her own and, worse, she doesn't know sign language. How is Macy supposed to understand her? But Iris has stories to tell, and she isn't going to let Macy's deafness stop her. Soon, through notes and books and cookies, a bond grows between them. And this friendship, odd and unexpected, may be just what Macy needs to face the changes in her life.

After you read the novel, complete **TWO of the assignments** listed in this letter. Everything should be completed AND brought to school the FIRST day of school. I will take up your summer reading work and use it for grades, classwork, discussions, quizzes, or whatever other assessment I determines is necessary.

Expectations for ALL assignments: *use complete sentences *use correct punctuation
*check spelling *use the proper heading (see example below) *double check spelling

How to head your paper:

(left side)

Your Name

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Date due (MLA style)

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Title of the assignment

Title of novel selected (underlined or italicized)

Example:

Jane Smith

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The Comic Book

Ungifted

Summer Reading Assignment Options: For the novel you chose – pick two assignments to complete.

Assignment #1 – The Alternate Ending Create an alternate ending to the novel by... (choose one)

- Typing the alternate ending (2-3 pages double spaced)
- Create a Powerpoint/Google Slideshow or a movie-making program to present your ending. This must contain words and images.
- Writing a script of the new ending, and perform it for the class when you return.

Assignment #2 – The Comic Book Turn the novel into a comic book. Provide colorful illustrations, dialogue, and narration. Your comic book must include at least **20 tiles**. (Consider using Pixton – a free online animation website)

Assignment #3 – The Interview Prepare a script for an interview, with you as the interviewer, and with one of the characters from the book as the interviewee. Write both your questions and the answers you think that character would give. This should include at least **12 questions and answers**.

Assignment #4 – The Diary Imagine you are the person in your book. Write a diary for a week as the character would have written the entries. Each entry should be **at least half a page** and there should be **seven entries**.

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Assignment #5 – The Summary Write a **four paragraph summary** of the book. You should discuss the plot, characters, and any literary elements you found within the book. Make sure to use direct quotes and proper citations where needed. Remember a plot has a beginning, middle, and end and revolves around a main conflict.

Assignment #6 – The Children’s Book Rewrite the story in a **10-15 page** children’s book. There should be **illustrations** and the **whole plot** should be covered.

Assignment #7 – The Book Trailer Create a 1-2 minute book trailer using a movie-making program that conveys major themes of the book without giving the ending away. Your trailer should make others WANT to read the book.

Assignment #8 – The Sequel Write **2-3 pages double spaced** to explain the plot of a sequel to whatever book that you read. Think about new adventures for the characters to go through – or even introduce a new character.

Reading Assignment: For the novel you choose – pick TWO assignments to complete.