

Summer Reading 2019
Incoming Grade 7
Ancillae-Assumpta Academy

Dear Summer Readers,

Summer is a fabulous time to relax and read. This summer's reading list encourages you to do just that with the theme of "Pick a Pair." This year the books have been paired by their focus on a historical event. As you read, make connections between the fiction novel and nonfiction selection.

For your summer assignment:

1. Use the similarities and differences web to compare and contrast the two selections. Do these books share the same characters, settings and events? Do they share the same conflicts and themes? Are they written in the same point of view?
2. One you have compared the two selections, answer the two questions that follow in paragraph form.

Please bring your compare/contrast webs and written responses on the first day of school.

Check out the additional suggested reading at your local library or at a bookstore near you. Have a wonderful summer, and may the books you choose take you on many adventures!

7th Grade Required Pair

Little Rock Girl 1957 by Shelley Tougas – Nine African American students made history when they defied a governor and integrated an Arkansas high school in 1957. It was the photo of one of the nine trying to enter the school a young girl being taunted, harassed and threatened by an angry mob that grabbed the world's attention and kept its disapproving gaze on Little Rock, Arkansas.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor – Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And it is also the story of Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect.

Additional Recommended Reading Selections:

The Cardturner – Louis Sachar

Hope Was Here – Joan Bauer

House of the Scorpions – Nancy Farmer

Three Black Swans – Caroline B. Cooney

Ship Breaker – Paolo Bacigalupi

Chains – Laurie Halse Anderson

Touching Spirit Bear – Ben Mikaelson

You Don't Know Me – David Klass

High Heat – Carl Deuker

Forge – Laurie Halse Anderson

One Came Home – Amy Timberlake

Hattie Big Sky – Kirby Larson

Guys Write for Guys Read – Jon Scieszka

Trouble – Gary D. Schmidt

Winter Girls – Laurie Halse Anderson

Airborn – Kenneth Oppel

The Forest of Hands and Teeth – Carrie Ryan

Life As We Knew It – Susan Beth Pfeffer

My Last Skirt – Linda Durrant

Wednesday Wars – Gary D. Schmidt

Series:

The Hunger Games Trilogy – Suzanne Collins

Uglies – Scott Westerfeld

The Dark Materials Trilogy – Philip Pullman

Alex Rider Series – Anthony Horowitz

Cirque du Freak – Darren Shan

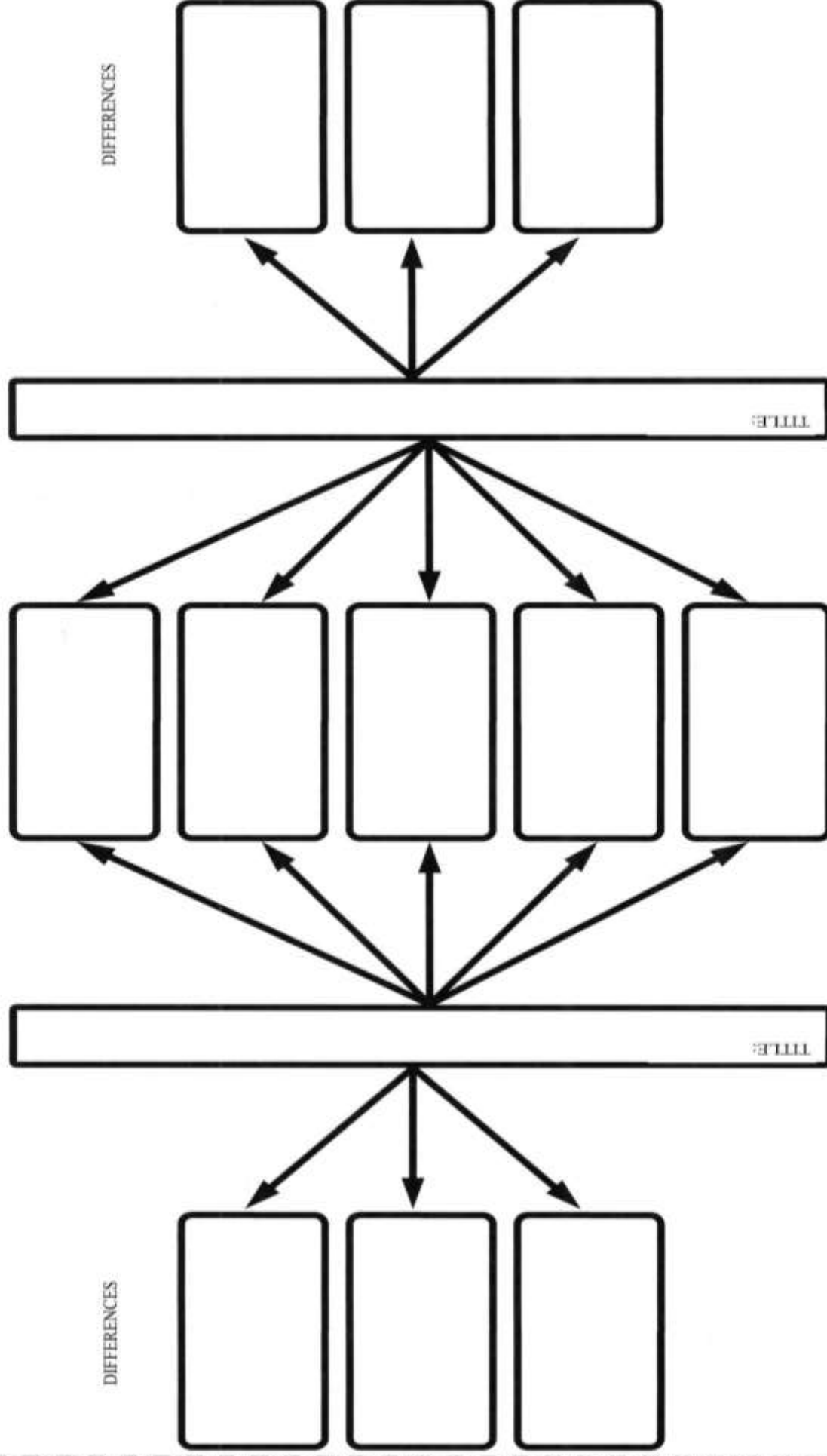
Young Royal Series – Carolyn Meyer

Ender's Game Series – Orson Scott Card

Grades 7 & 8 – Please bring this completed summer reading assignment sheet to the first day of school.
 For all summer reading lists and assignment information, see www.ancillae.org.

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SIMILARITIES



Choose a pair of books from your summer reading list. Use the above web to compare and contrast one of the following literary elements:

- ☐ CHARACTERS ☐ SETTINGS ☐ THEMES ☐ TURNING POINTS ☐ PLOTS ☐ WRITING STYLES

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Little Rock Girl 1957 by Shelley Tougas

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

For the nonfiction novel, *Little Rock Girl 1957*, consider the following questions and answer in paragraph form: How do the photographs, quotes, text, and images work together to show the reader how the conflict over equal rights led to crisis? How do photos and images develop and enhance your understanding of the text? Include at least one specific example and provide the page number.

For the fiction novel, *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry*, write a paragraph that addresses the following prompt: Throughout the novel the reader sees evidence of racism and prejudice damaging society. Provide examples of characters and events from the novel that support this theme.
