

# CCS Middle School Summer Reading 2022

## 7th Grade English

**Required Reading: *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett**

### **About Summer Reading**

Students entering 7th grade are required to read a book selected by the CCS English Department. This book will serve as part of the curriculum for the beginning of the school year. After reading the book, students must prepare the assignment described below and submit the assignment on the **first day of school**. This project will count as the very first **test** grade in English class, and if it is not presented in class on **day one**, it will be graded as a zero. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

### **Assignment**

**7th grade students will turn in an assignment on the first day of school with the following TYPED information:**

STEP ONE: Write a one-paragraph biography of the author. Please be sure to cite your sources in MLA format to avoid plagiarism. This means there will be a Works Cited list at the bottom of the biographical paragraph. **\*Need help with MLA citations? Go to: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>**

STEP TWO: This assignment will help your teacher evaluate your writing ability. Please answer the following questions about *The Secret Garden* with a two-paragraph response to each question. Remember to proofread your work.

**Questions for *The Secret Garden*:**

1. The protagonist of a story is the character who changes the most. Knowing this, who do you believe to be the protagonist of *The Secret Garden*? Explain why.
2. Describe Misselthwaite Manor. How is it similar to Mr. Craven himself?
3. The garden is a place of rejuvenation and transformation in *The Secret Garden*. Do you believe such a place exists today? Explain why or why not.

**Rubric for Summer Reading Assignment**

|   | <b>Total Points</b> |
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| <b>*MLA - 8th Edition Format</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 12 Font</li><li>- Times New Roman</li><li>- Double Space</li><li>- Paragraph indentation</li></ul> | <b>/4</b>           |
| <b>Topic content - Six paragraphs with 4 or more sentences, with complete and accurate information</b>  | <b>/36</b>          |
| <b>Explanation and Analysis</b>   | <b>/15</b>          |
| <b>Text Evidence</b> - Examples from the book to prove your points  | <b>/15</b>          |
| <b>Formal tone and style</b> - Written as an academic paper, not like a conversation with a friend. No slang.   | <b>/10</b>          |
| <b>Works Cited Page and In-text Citations</b>   | <b>/10</b>          |
| <b>Grammatical Errors</b><br>(0-2) = 10 pts<br>(3-4) = 9 pts<br>(5-6) = 7 pts<br>(7-8) = 5 pts<br>(9-10) = 3 pts<br>More than 10 = 0 pts.                                   | <b>/10</b>          |
| <b>Total Points</b>   | <b>/100</b>         |

## **A Note on Academic Integrity at CCS:**

A student's homework and in-class work fulfill the instructor's intentions in a specific class:

- A. Individual assignments must be represented by individual work. There are to be no "study groups" for this type of assignment.
- B. In no case is direct copying allowed.

Academic integrity is **VITAL**. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in a zero on the assignment. Plagiarism is defined as presenting the work **or** ideas of another as one's own. This includes:

- A. Direct copying of another person's (living or dead) work;
- B. Using any portion of another person's material or ideas **without proper documentation** (i.e. internal citation/parenthetical documentation and Works Cited)
- C. Paraphrasing another person's original material **without proper documentation**

### **List of online sources that MUST NOT be used for papers in English class:**

Wikipedia.com   Yahooanswers.com   Pinkmonkey.com   Ehow.com   Gradesaver.com  
Answers.com   Sparknotes.com   Cliffnotes.com   Bookrags.com   Spark Notes