

Seventh Grade Summer Reading Assignment
Rolling Hills Country Day School

Welcome to the seventh grade! We believe that books can open new worlds and provide novel experiences to readers. Reading can help develop one's imagination and increase one's knowledge while expanding vocabulary as well as increasing composition skills. **All seventh grade students are required to read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds. For *Look Both Ways*, students will complete the written assignment outlined below. This assignment will be graded and is due on the first day of class.** While there is no written assignment for *The Giver*, students will be expected to be able to compare and contrast the journeys of the protagonists. We look forward to working with you!

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***Look Both Ways* Written Assignment**

Before you begin reading, please peruse the assignment below so that you know what you need to focus on as you read. In your own book, I recommend that you highlight or underline certain words or phrases that are important and take notes in the margins.

Please analyze the following in **complete sentences**. Do not write an essay, but simply type the question and respond with your answer and related supporting details.

Make your answers short and specific. Provide textual evidence with page numbers if needed.

1. How does the author, Jason Reynolds, use characters to connect the chapters? Give two examples.
2. Describe one major problem or conflict from one of the stories. How is it resolved? Or, if it is not resolved, what is the message the author is trying to convey?
3. Why is the book written in chapters that do not exactly connect? What effect does this provide?
4. What chapter affected you the most? What was the issue and why do you think you connected to it?

5. Name a specific event that a character had to overcome. What is the author's hope for the reader in this situation?

6. Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?