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SUMMER READING FOR INCOMING SEVENTH GRADERS

Dear Students and Parents,

Over the summer, all students entering seventh grade are required to read ***Dark Life* by Kat Falls**. Daniel Wright is fortunate to have author Kat Falls coming to our school in the fall for an author visit! Upon finishing the novel, students should answer the corresponding questions. Answers should be typed and printed and brought to class on the first day of school.

The summer reading book is available for purchase at Barnes & Noble, and it can also be found on www.amazon.com. Electronic books will also work for this assignment, as long as students bring their electronic readers to school. Students may listen to the novel on an audiobook while reading along. All students should bring their novels or electronic books on the first day of school, when we will begin corresponding activities.

Why is summer reading required? Research shows that students who read consistently over the summer are stronger students during the school year. District 103 is committed to developing strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. In addition to the required summer reading book, we also recommend that students read regularly during the summer. Please go to the [Daniel Wright website](http://www.danielwright.org) to find additional reading lists and electronic access to Daniel Wright library books over the summer. This letter will also be posted there.

Thank you for your support.

The Seventh Grade English Teachers





7TH GRADE REQUIRED SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Directions: After reading the novel, please answer the following questions using complete sentences and details from the novel to support your answers. The last question will require you to use a direct quote (text-lift) from the novel. Each answer should be at least one paragraph (6-8 sentences) long, but your answer may be longer. Please **type** your answers in MLA format.

This assignment is due on the first day of school.

7th Grade Summer Reading Questions

1. A dynamic character is a character who changes and grows over the course of the novel. How is the main character in the book a dynamic character? Provide specific examples and character traits from both the beginning and end of the novel in your response.
2. Describe the main conflict in the novel, and how it is resolved in the end.
3. The theme of the story is the lesson or message the author wants the reader to take away from the novel. **What is the theme of the novel?** Form a claim and explain your answer using specific evidence (including at least one direct quote) from the novel.