



# CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 2023 Summer Reading Requirements for grades 6, 7, 8



### Verification Form—June 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Cromwell Middle School Language Arts Department is asking that students continue to read during the upcoming summer vacation. Students are to select and read **TWO books** of their choice that align with their appropriate reading level. The assignment may be completed by reading a printed version or eBook, and they must complete the accompanying question page for each book read.

If students need help choosing a book, please refer them to the guided reading resource links on this pamphlet or visit the Belden Public Library. When students return to school in the fall, they will be given the opportunity to share their summer reading experiences based on the tasks explained on the inside page of this pamphlet. Our hope is that discussion of enjoyable reads will continue to promote lifelong reading habits and allow students to learn from one another.

Thank you for your help in supporting our efforts to promote a culture that values independent reading!

\_\_\_\_\_ (grade) \_\_\_\_\_ (student name)

My child has completed the Summer Reading Requirements:

\_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian Signature)

Book One Title:

Book Two Title:

## Resources:

- ◇ Cromwell Middle School website:  
<http://www.cromwell.k12.ct.us/o/middle-school>
- ◇ Belden Public Library:  
<http://cromwellct.com/library.html> (*E-books are also available*)

**Need a Public Library Card?** Belden Public Library will get one for you. Available resources include: EBooks, Audio Books and Free Streaming! Click on the link for information: <https://www.cromwellct.com/library/faq/how-do-i-get-library-card>

## Additional resources for EBooks-

**Hoopla:** <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen-your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV. All you need is a library card. hoopla syncs across all your devices, so you can stream titles immediately or whenever you're in the mood. Most titles can also be downloaded to your phone or tablet. hoopla offers more content, in more places, than any other digital library platform and it's all FREE thanks to your public library!

**Junior Library Guild:** has free access to the JLG Digital online reading platform, with eBook collections for students. There is unlimited access from any device, with no limit to the number of users. See link for access info: <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/at-home> (No username and password should be required)

**Sora-** <https://soraapp.com/welcome>

**Epic-** <https://www.getepic.com>

Click on Cromwell Public Schools and log in with your google email information. SORA is the student reading app for OverDrive. SORA provides access to ebook and audiobooks from your school and public library.

## Your Task for the Summer:

Read two appropriately leveled books of your choice, then complete the assigned organizer for each book. You MUST have the organizer completed when school begins in the fall in order to be eligible for credit. Students can earn up to four points total upon completion. These can be redeemed for additional points added onto overall grades in any classes, except math, at the end of the first quarter.

\*Check the school website for information about how you can earn math points by completing Summer Math Challenge.

A full version of the assigned organizer that needs to be completed can be found on the school website or at the Cromwell Belden Library. Below you can ***preview*** the big ideas you need to focus on:

Focus Question: ***How did the conflict affect the main character?***

- ◇ How did the conflict affect the main character at the beginning of the novel?
- ◇ How did the conflict affect the main character in the middle of the novel?
- ◇ How did the conflict affect the main character at the end of the novel?