

## Summer 2008 Reading and Writing for Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders

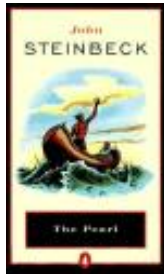
Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade at Dana Hall! Here are the reading and writing assignments for you to do during the summer - enjoy! We strongly recommend that you complete this work before the end of August.

### Reading

The following are the required summer reading books for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:

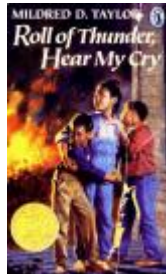
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*The Pearl*  
by John  
Steinbeck



2.

*Roll of  
Thunder,  
Hear My  
Cry* by  
Mildred  
Taylor



3. & 4.

Two additional books from the list of recommended titles for Grades 6-7 and/or Grade 8 on the Dana Hall Summer Reading List

### Writing

- Please type your work.
- Set the line-spacing at 1.5 or double-spaced.

Please do the following for both *The Pearl* and *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*:

- Make a list of the important **characters**. Identify each character by name, age, and relationship to one or more other characters (if this information is in the book).
- In no more than three sentences, provide information about the **setting** of the novel. If the information can be found in the book, identify the place and time. Briefly describe the place.
- Make up a **title for each chapter**.
- Under each chapter title, list **the three most important things** that happen in the chapter (about 10 words per item).
- Please make a list of questions that you have about what happens in the novel or why something happens.

Please do the following for each of the two additional books that you choose to read:

- Write a summary of the book – about 250 words.  
Assume that the person who reads your summary has not read the book!  
If the book tells a story (fiction or non-fiction), explain the situation at the beginning, the major conflict(s) or complication(s) that develop, and the resolution or situation at the end.  
If the book does not tell a story, please explain what the book is about, what you think is the purpose of the book, and the important things that you learned from reading it.

### When school starts

On Monday, September 8 (the first day of regular classes), please bring the following to English class:

- Your copies of *The Pearl* and *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.
- Your writing, as described above.