

Summer Reading for Grade 7 Language Art and Religion

Language Arts

This year, the summer reading selections focus on immigration, and some mention specifically the Lowell mills, to which we will be visiting on a field study. Please choose one novel from the list below and purchase it. You will be writing a brief summary of the novel. You should include information about the setting, characters and themes (such as fear, belonging, family, courage, challenges, hope, and family) as well as the plot and conflict of the story. You will be sharing these summaries in class and you will need your book in school.

Ashes of Roses, by Mary Jane Auch

Lyddie, by Katherine Patterson

The Brooklyn Nine, by Alan Gatz

Beyond the Western Sea: Lord Kirkle's Money, by Avi

Religion

Read the Novel, **No Longer a Stray: The Gospel According to PupPup**, by Terry Deffenbaugh. The Gospel account of Peter's declaration about who Jesus is (see Matthew 16: 13-20, Mark 8: 27-30, and Luke 9: 18-21) is found within this book as well. Identify the chapter in *No Longer a Stray* where this incident takes place, and describe how it compares/contrasts to any of the three Bible passages listed above.