

7th Grade Summer Reading

Information Page:

Are you planning on going to the movies this summer? What are you hoping to see? Did you know that many of the movies you see in the theaters or at home are called adaptations? A film adaptation is when a screenwriter creates a film script from a piece of literature.

For summer reading, I encourage you to select books to read that have been adapted into movies. After you read the book, watch the movie adaptation and complete a Compare and Contrast Venn Diagram handout.

If you are not able to watch the film, most films have clips on YouTube. You can watch a short clip or the trailer to complete the Venn Diagram using those details.

After you complete the Venn Diagram, respond to one of the two prompts using the compare and contrast connections and thoughts you have gathered:

If you are able to watch the whole film:

- Did you prefer the book or the movie? Did you like or dislike both equally? Support your decision with examples and reasoning. You can choose to examine the entire text and film or a favorite scene.

If you do not watch the film but view clips or the trailer:

- If you weren't able to watch the film, which event from the book do you think would make a great movie scene? Which events would you keep the same? Do you think there are details you would need to change or leave out?

You can find the Assignment Page and a Suggested List of Books to read on the Google Classroom 7th Grade Communications Classroom.

Suggested List for Summer Reading

Below is a list of books you might consider reading that have film adaptations:

Popular Book Series:

- *The 5th Wave*, Rick Yancey
- *The Chronicles of Narnia*, C. S. Lewis
- *Divergent*, Veronica Roth
- *Harry Potter*, J. K. Rowling
- *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
- *The Maze Runner*, James Dashner
- *Twilight*, Stephenie Meyer

Books for Teens Drama/Romance:

- *Beastly*, Alex Finn
- *Beautiful Creatures*, Kami Garcia
- *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen*, Dyan Sheldon
- *The Fault in Our Stars*, John Greene
- *If I Stay*, Gayle Forman
- *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life*, James Patterson
- *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, Ransom Riggs
- *Paper Towns*, John Greene
- *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, Ann Brashares

Books for Teens Adventure/Thriller:

- *Bridge to Terabithia*, Katherine Paterson
- *The Immortal Instruments: City of Bones*, Cassandra Clare
- *Coraline*, Neil Gaiman
- *Eragon*, Christopher Paolini
- *The Golden Compass (His Dark Materials #1)*, Philip Pullman
- *Holes*, Louis Sachar
- *I Am Number Four*, Pittacus Lore
- *Inkheart*, Cornelia Funke
- *A Monster Calls*, Patrick Ness
- *Nim's Island*, Wendy Orr

- *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*, Rick Riordan
- *Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Sea of Monsters*, Rick Riordan
- *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, Lemony Snicket
- *Stardust*, Neil Gaiman
- *The Vampire's Assistant (Cirque du Freak #2)*, Darren Shan

Stories Written in Another World (Medieval stories and Mythology)

- *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, Roger Lancelyn Green
- *The Adventures of Ulysses*, Bernard Evslin
- *Grimm's Fairy Tales*, The Brothers Grimm
- *Hercules*, Bernard Evslin
- *King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table*, Roger Lancelyn Green

Stories Your Parents & Grandparents Read:

- *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll
- *Around the World in 80 Days*, Jules Verne
- *Because of Winn-Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo
- *Black Beauty*, Anna Sewell
- *Call of the Wild*, Jack London
- *Freaky Friday*, Mary Rodgers
- *Harriet the Spy*, Louise Fitzhugh
- *Pippi Longstocking*, Astrid Lindgren
- *The Princess Bride*, William Goldman
- *The Swiss Family Robinson*, Johann Wyss
- *Tuck Everlasting*, Natalie Babbitt
- *Where the Red Fern Grows*, Wilson Rawls

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Books From Your Childhood:

Picture Books

- *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, Judi Barrett
- *Horton Hears a Who*, Dr. Seuss
- *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, Dr. Seuss
- *The Lorax*, Dr. Seuss
- *Night at the Museum*, Milan Trenc
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, Maurice Sendak

Chapter Books

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Roald Dahl
- *Charlotte's Web*, E. B. White
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, Roald Dahl
- *Peter Pan*, J. M. Barrie
- *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
- *Stuart Little*, E. B. White
- *The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo
- *The Wizard of OZ*, L. Frank Baum

H-DMS 7th Grade Summer Reading Compare and Contrast Venn Diagram Assignment

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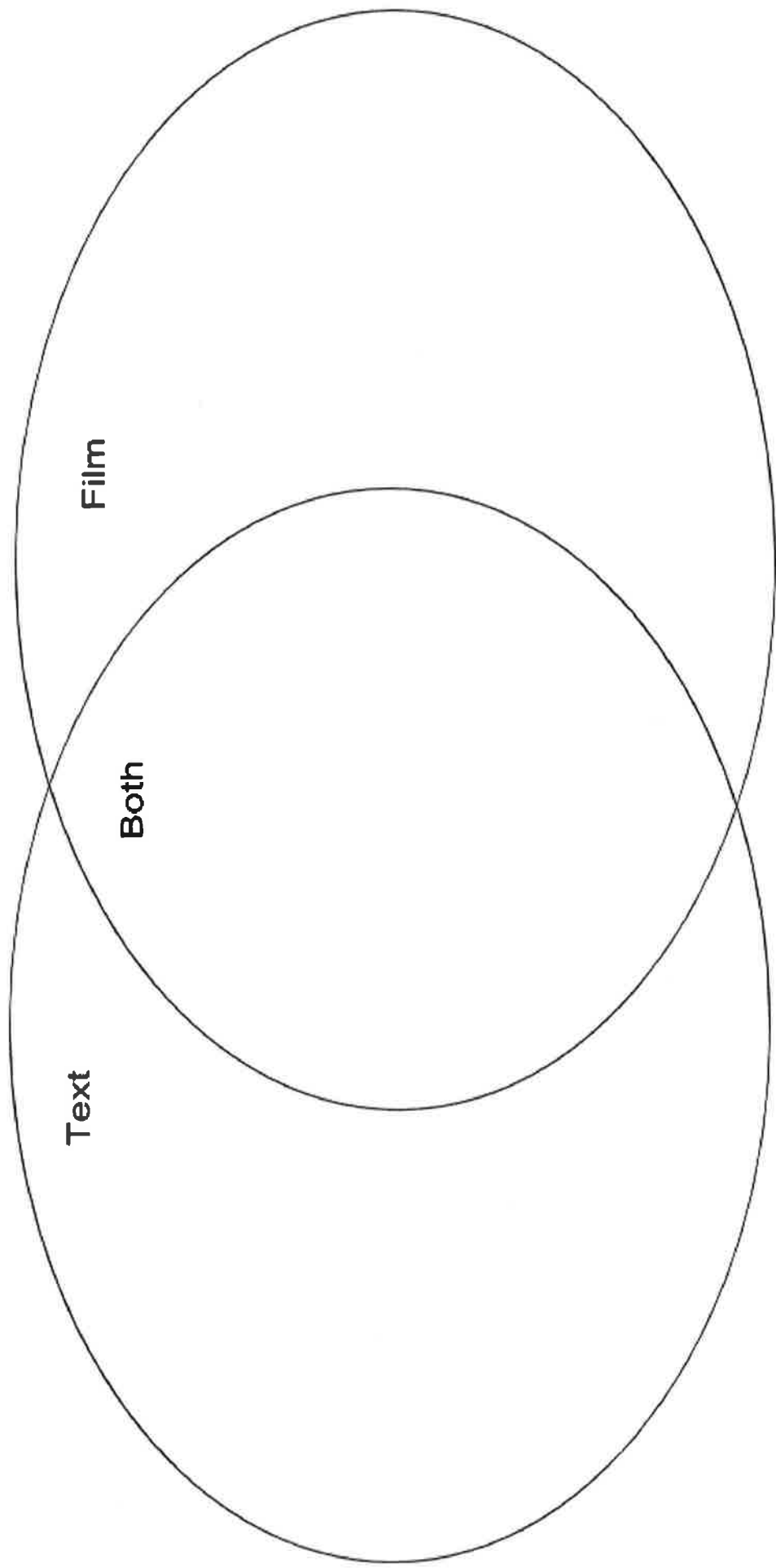
Text/Film Title:

Venn Diagram Instructions:

Use the Venn Diagram to capture the similarities and differences between the text and film versions of the same story. There really is no wrong way to do this assignment as long as you are making thoughtful connections and/or distinctions.

Some questions to consider to help you be a thoughtful readers and viewer.

- In the film, is the setting the same as in the book? Does the description in the book match the visual. Does the story take place in the same time period?
- In the film, are the characters the same as in the book? Do the character descriptions match the visual? Are any characters left out or are roles combined in the film?
- In the film, were any new scenes created or any good scenes left out? (Often, books are considered better than films because they leave out a lot of important details or events.)



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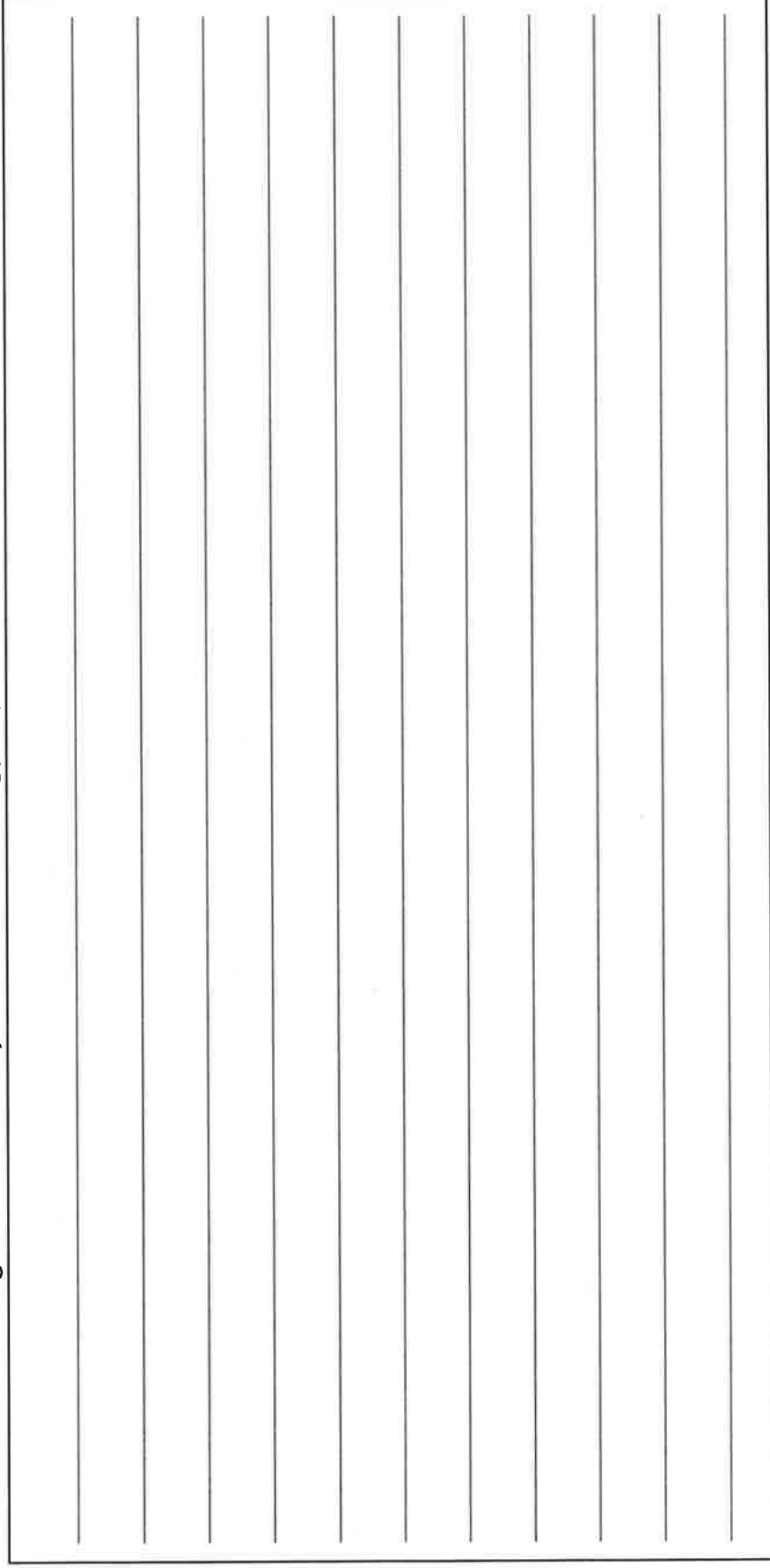
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Writing Prompt Instructions

After you complete the Compare and Contrast Venn Diagram, Please write a constructed response paragraph for one of the following two prompts:

- Did you prefer the book or the movie? Did you like or dislike both equally? Support your decision with examples and reasoning. You can chose to examine the entire text and film or a favorite scene.
- If you weren't able to watch the film, which event from the book do you think would make a great movie scene? Which events would you keep the same? Do you think there are details you would need to change or leave out?

Use this box to write a thoughtful constructed response to one of the writing prompts:



7th Grade Supply List

Dear 7th grade students,

Your 7th grade teachers are looking forward to having you join us next year. To help you feel prepared for this exciting move up to the second floor, we have come up with a list of materials you will find beneficial for a smooth start to the new school year.

In an effort to make the transition to 7th grade as seamless as possible, we have decided to continue several of the routines you have already been using with the 6th grade team. You may even find that you already have most of the items we are requesting.

Requested items for H-DMS 7th graders:

- One of the following systems to keep track of paper handouts and notes:
 - 2-4 inch 3 ring binder with hole-punched folders (zipper optional)
 - Accordion folder with at least 5 tabbed pockets
- 2 spiral notebooks (Science)
- Utensil pouch that can be clipped into binder or carried to class
 - Pencils(optional)
 - Highlighters
 - Erasers
 - Colored pencils
- Chromebook cover (optional)
 - Acer Chromebook 11.6" Traditional Laptop
- Planner/Agenda (optional)
 - Please note: The 7th grade students will not receive an agenda from the school next year. We are encouraging the use of online calendar/planner apps.

That's it!

Enjoy the summer, and we look forward to seeing you all in August!

Your 7th grade teaching team,

**Mrs. Amitrano ~ Mrs. Carson ~ Mr. Chapin ~ Mrs. Cooper ~ Ms. Davenport ~
Mrs. Mallinger ~ Mr. Merry ~ Ms. Murray**

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