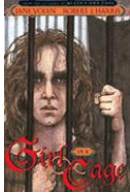


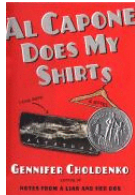
7th Grade Probe Summer Reading—pick 2 or more!

You MUST read the book Hope Was Here. You may choose from the list below for your second read.



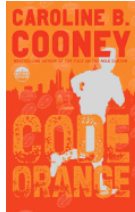
Girl in a Cage by Jane Yolen

One year after William “Braveheart” Wallace was executed, King Edward of England captured the 11-year-old Scottish princess, Marjorie, and put her in a cage in a public square in England. **Girl in a Cage** opens after Marjorie is already imprisoned in her cage. The villagers throw food at her, taunt her, and generally make life harder for her. Sitting in her cold, dirty prison, defying the abusive king, she reminisces about her time as a princess, and learns the true meaning of the word “noble.” An excellent choice for those who enjoy historical fiction.



Al Capone Does my Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

It's the year 1935, and Moose Flanagan has an unusual living situation. His father has just been hired to work at the island prison, Alcatraz, off the coast of San Francisco, and the family moves to live on the island with the prison! To make matters worse, his sister is autistic, and Moose has to try to keep her out of the way and out of trouble so that they can continue living there. Then he makes friends with the warden's daughter, Piper, who has a knack for getting Moose caught up in her schemes. Can Moose figure out how to fit in at school, at home, and on the island?



Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

Mitty is a slacker. He always wants to do things the easy way, so when he goes to do research for a school project on smallpox, he chooses a century-old book because it is closest. Inside the book, he touches what may be a sample of the disease. Has he just reintroduced a life-threatening illness to the world? Is he infecting everyone he talks to? Should he tell anyone, or will telling make him look like a dork? Fast-paced and exciting, this is a good choice for those who enjoy thrillers.



Night of the Howling Dogs by Graham Salisbury

When a Boy Scout troop from Hilo, Hawaii, sets out for a camping trip on the beach under a volcano, they are expecting a few peaceful days in a remote paradise. Dylan's biggest worry is that tough Louie has come along on the trip and might make things difficult. Unfortunately, the problems are much bigger than that: an earthquake shakes the lava flow on the cliff above them and dislodges some boulders which nearly crush them. Then, while the boys are trying to recover, a tsunami hits. Based on the true story of the author's cousin and his troop, this is a night you'll never forget!



Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Matt Cruse lives in a past that never happened for us: in his world airplanes have never been invented, so he works as a cabin boy onboard a trans-oceanic blimp, the *Aurora*. When the ship is attacked by pirates, he and heiress Kate de Vries must try to escape and get help on an uncharted island. This is a rollicking pirate adventure set in a Jules Verne world. Fans of The Lightning Thief or Gregor the Overlander will really enjoy this one!



Hope was Here by Joan Bauer

Hope has had to move around a lot in her life. Abandoned by her mother and raised by her aunt, Hope has always had to go where her aunt wanted to work next. When they leave New York for rural Wisconsin, Hope doesn't expect anything different than she has known before. Much to her surprise, she finds that she has landed in a place where she can begin to put down roots for the first time. She helps the diner owner run for mayor, even though he has leukemia, and learns that she can be much more than just a good waitress.



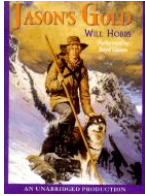
Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Mah

Wu Mei ought to have a pretty good life—her father is rich, after all. But when he remarries, her stepmother doesn't want anything good for his children, only hers. So Wu Mei and her siblings are treated terribly in the midst of opulence. When Wu Mei begins to have too much success at school, she is yanked out and sent to a convent school to be forgotten. Set during the Cultural Revolution in China, Chinese Cinderella is an unbelievable, yet true, story of a difficult childhood.



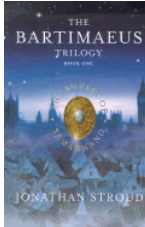
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson

It's 1918, and 16-year-old orphan Hattie has just inherited a homestead in Montana. She has only a year to fence and cultivate her 320 acres—all by herself! A Newbery Honor winner, Hattie Big Sky will captivate anyone who is interested in the settlement of our country, or interested in the story of girl who must succeed against long odds.



Jason's Gold by Will Hobbs

Written by Will Hobbs, who will come speak to all Hull students in the fall of 2008, this book tells the story of Jason, a 15-year-old who heads into the Alaskan wilderness all alone. When Jason's brothers run off to participate in the Alaska Gold Rush in the 1890's, Jason decides to catch up with them, not knowing how difficult that task truly is. Fans of Gary Paulsen will love Will Hobbs!



The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathan Stroud

Set in an alternate London, where bureaucratic magicians run the government, the first book in the Bartimaeus trilogy is a dark, sarcastic read. Magician's apprentice Nathaniel secretly summons the djinni Bartimaeus to help him wreak revenge on an older rival. Of course, things don't go perfectly, and Bartimaeus refuses to allow Nathaniel total control. Don't forget to read the footnotes, or you'll miss some of the djinni's always-amusing (usually snarky) opinions! Save some time this summer, because if you read this one, you will want to read its two sequels!

Date handed out: May 2009

Date due: Bring the first week of school – August 2009, but do not bring on the first day.

This is a two part project – a bookmark and an essay. You will read two novels. One novel is *Hope Was Here* and the second novel is from the list of choices. Do the essay portion for *Hope Was Here* and the bookmark for a second book of your choice from the list provided.

BOOK MARK for a book of choice from list.

- Size –**9 – 10 inches wide and 20 inches long.**
- Include on the bookmark the **title of the book and the author's name.**
- Your name should be placed neatly in bottom right hand corner at the bottom of the book mark.
- The bookmark **should be designed to reflect the novel.**
- **Edge your bookmark with a relevant border that is unique to the novel.**
- **Write a poem** as your personal response to the novel. Type it Size 10 - 12 and place it as the **focal point** of your bookmark. This should be a **minimum of 20 lines.** DO NOT SUMMARIZE...RESPOND!
- **It is expected that this bookmark be a work of art - colorful and creative. No pencil may be left on the bookmark.** Go over with a fine black pen. If you draw something, it must be drawn on paper and then carefully glued onto background paper and then glued onto the board. **NO computer art may be used.** It must be totally created by you using mediums other than the computer. AND finally none of the background board may be showing – NONE! You must cover the entire bookmark with relevant art that reflects the novel. **EVERYTHING MUST RELATE TO THE NOVEL.**
- You may include three-d material, but it must be secured.

ESSAYS for the novel *Hope Was Here*. Stay away from using the word “you” and do not use contractions.

- **Page One (Cover Sheet):** Illustrate a part of the story when the protagonist changes. Include a quote from the novel at the bottom that is relevant to this. Your name, date should be in bottom right hand corner.
- **Page two:** compare yourself to one of the characters in a one page essay.
- **Page three:** Give a brief summary of the book. Include main highlights. Include author and title.
- **Starting on page four and adding sheets as needed:** Most important lesson learned from the main character. Do NOT use “To never give up.”
- **Choose a passage from the novel and type it onto the paper (single space it). Tell why this is great writing.** It has to be a least a paragraph in length. Choose writing that really moves you.
- **A good novel should be an inspiration to the reader. Tell why this book is/is not an inspiration.**
- **The character of a good novel should possess true greatness in spite of weaknesses. Select one character and give TWO reasons, which prove that, in spite of weaknesses (name them), he/she possesses true greatness. What is that greatness. (One would need to discuss what “true greatness” is so the reader of your essay can understand your point of view.**
- **Last page (part of bookmark project):** Include a copy of the poem from the bookmark project. Write an explanation about how your poem connects to the **BOOKMARK** novel.

ALL MUST BE TYPED. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.