

6th Grade Summer Reading

2015

The following summer reading books were selected to allow you to explore the theme of **self-discovery**. Read at least one of the books from the list and complete the double-entry journal that follows. When you return to school in September, you will be asked to analyze, summarize, discuss, and write about the text you read.

Title and Author

Synopsis

Savvy
Ingrid Law

Thirteen is when a Beaumont's savvy hits – and with one brother who causes hurricanes and another who creates electricity, Mibs Beaumont is eager to see what she gets. But just before the big day, Poppa is in a terrible accident. And now all Mibs wants is a savvy that will save him. In fact, Mibs is so sure she'll get a powerful savvy that she sneaks a ride to the hospital on a rickety bus with her sibling and the preacher's kids in tow. After this extraordinary adventure – full of talking tattoos and a kidnapping – not a soul on board will ever be the same.

Hidden Talents
David Lubar

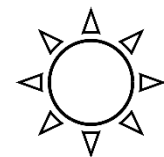
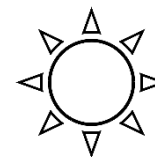
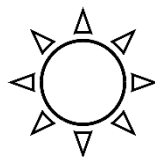
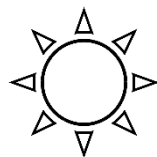
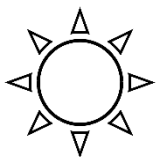
Martin Anderson and his friends don't like being called losers. But they've been called that for so long even they start to believe it. Until Martin makes an incredible discovery: each of his friends has a special *hidden* talent. Edgeview Alternative School was supposed to be an end of the road. But for Martin and his friends, it just might be a new beginning.

Inside Out and Back Again
Thanhha Lai

Things are changing in Hà's world, as the Vietnam War comes closer and to her home in Saigon. Her friends and neighbors are leaving, her oldest brother is speaking out against the North, and the likelihood of being reunited with her father — who has been missing in action for nine years — is growing dimmer. When Saigon falls in 1975, Hà and her family are forced to flee on a navy ship and, after spending months in refugee camps, end up moving to Alabama. There, Hà struggles to deal with everything from learning the language and customs to handling the bullies who make fun of her at school. Will she ever feel at home in this strange new land? And will she ever see her father again?

Flipped
Wendelin Van Draanen

The first time she saw him, she flipped. The first time he saw her, he ran. That was the second grade, but not much has changed by the seventh. She says: "My Bryce. Still walking around with my first kiss." He says: "It's been six years of strategic avoidance and social discomfort." But in the eighth grade everything gets turned upside down. And just as he's thinking there's more to her than meets the eye, she's thinking that he's not quite all he seemed.



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Book Title _____

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Self-Discovery
Uncovering qualities about yourself.

The book you have chosen to read this summer will help you learn about the theme of self-discovery and honoring your individuality. As you read, find evidence that shows character(s) discovering and honoring their individuality and record it below. Then explain what the evidence shows about the theme of self-discovery.

Evidence from the text showing moments of self-discovery. Include page number.	Explain what this moment shows about the theme of self-discovery.
<p><i>Example from <u>Flipped</u>: My sister, on the other hand, tried to sabotage me any chance she got... She's four years older than me, and buddy. I've learned from watching her how not to run your life. She's got ANTAGONIZE written all over her.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page(s) # <u>4 & 5</u></p>	<p><i>Bryce has learned that he should not fight with his sister, Julie, because girls do not fight fair. It is a losing battle that he will never win. He has learned that it is better not to respond to her, and Julie will bother someone else and leave him alone.</i></p>
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