

2026-2027 Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Your seventh grade summer reading assignment is *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin.

The following will be taken **for a grade on the first day of school**:

- You are expected to annotate *The Westing Game* as you read.
 - The purpose of annotating your text is to increase your engagement with what you are reading. To annotate, circle key concepts and phrases, write brief comments and questions in the margins, and *mindfully* highlight and underline (do NOT highlight entire pages or paragraphs). More information about annotation can be found at <https://learningcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/annotating-texts/>.
- You are expected to print and complete the character chart by hand. There will be copies of the character chart at the front desk of the middle school if you would like to pick one up.
 - There are many characters in *The Westing Game*, and it is very difficult to fully understand the text without keeping track of the characters on the character chart while you read.

Your book annotations and character chart are due the first day of school and will be **averaged together for a quiz grade**. In addition, you will have a quiz to check your understanding of the book on **Tuesday, August 18**.

We will continue working on the book throughout the first full week of school. You will complete a character project research packet and complete a writing assignment that will count as a test grade. Details about the character project will be provided to you at the start of school.