

7th Grade
**Summer
Reading**

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Summer Reading Assignment

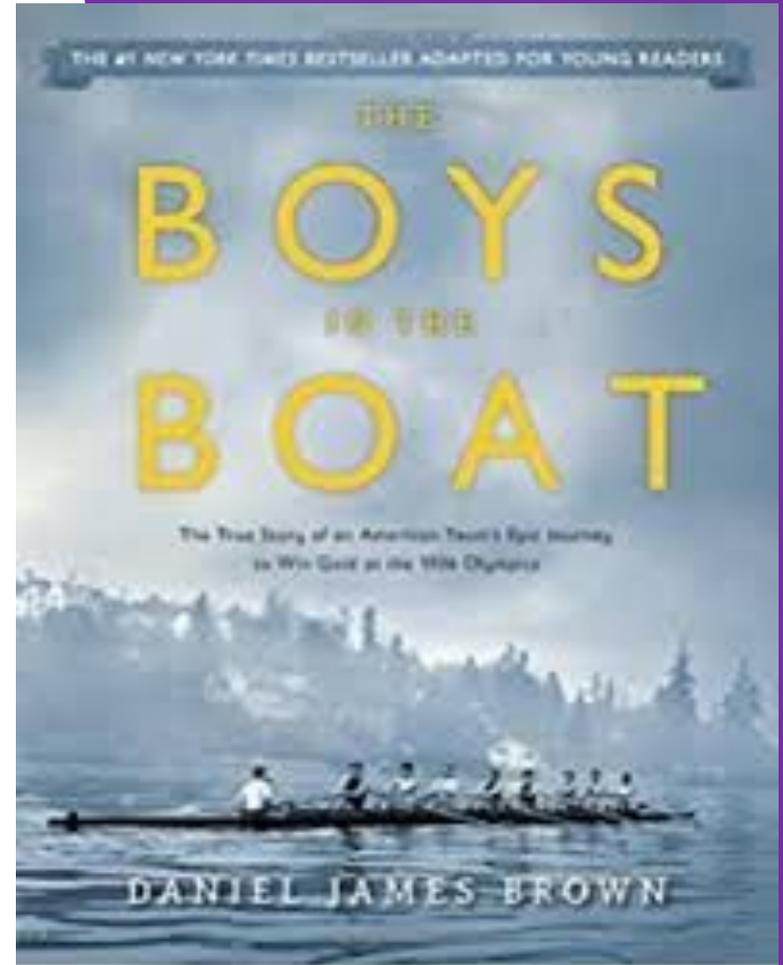
- The following summer reading books were selected to allow you to explore the thematic topic of **life's journey**.
- Read at least one of the books from the list and complete the double-entry journal that follows.
- When you return to school in September, you will be asked to analyze, summarize, discuss,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

The Boys in the Boat

Young Readers Edition

by Daniel James Brown

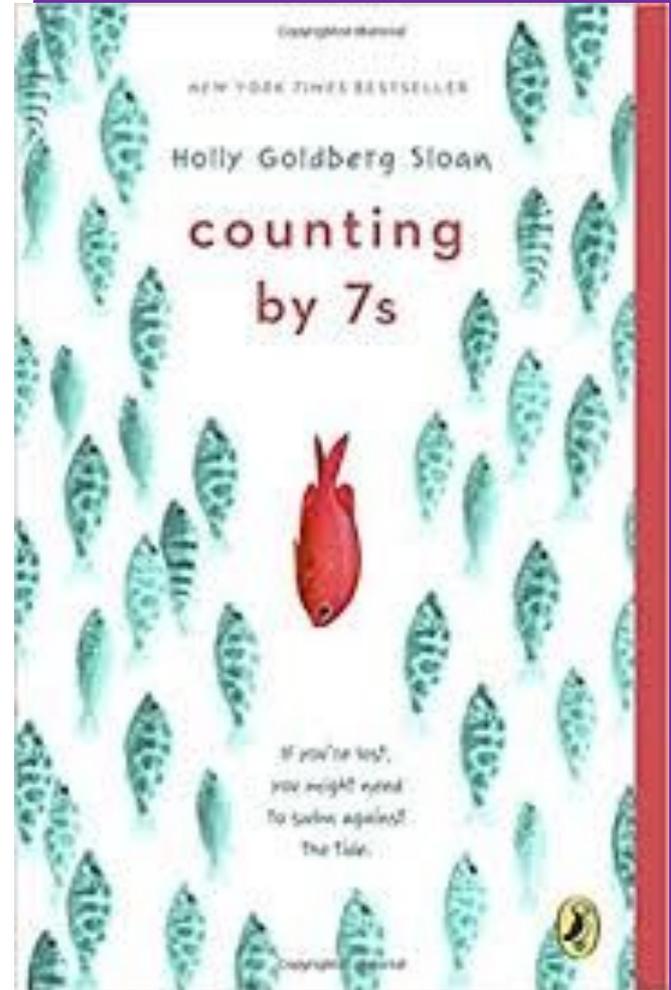
This book tells the tale of the 1936 U.S. men's Olympic eight-oar rowing team—nine working class boys who stormed the rowing world, transformed the sport, and galvanized the attention of millions of Americans. At the center of the tale is Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects. With rowers who were the sons of shipyard workers and farmers, the University of Washington's eight-oar crew was never expected to defeat the elite East Coast teams, yet they did, going on to shock the world by challenging the German boat rowing for Adolf Hitler.



Counting by 7s

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

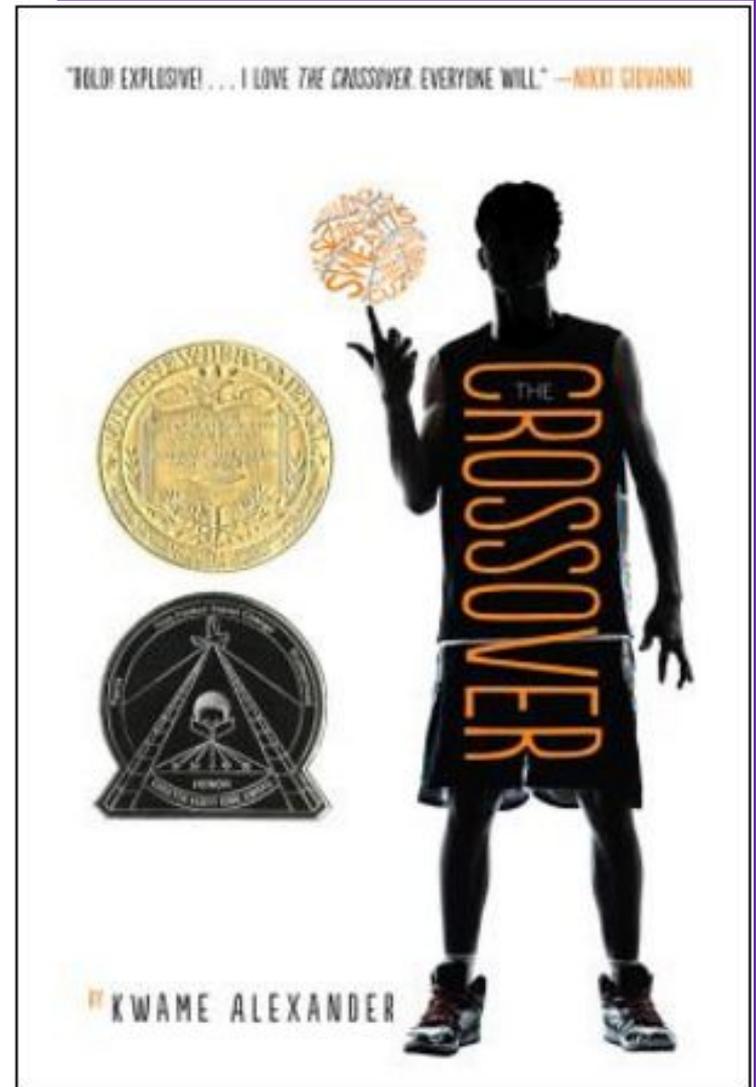
Willow Chance is a 12-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. Willow manages to push through her grief to discover and unite a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family.



The Crossover

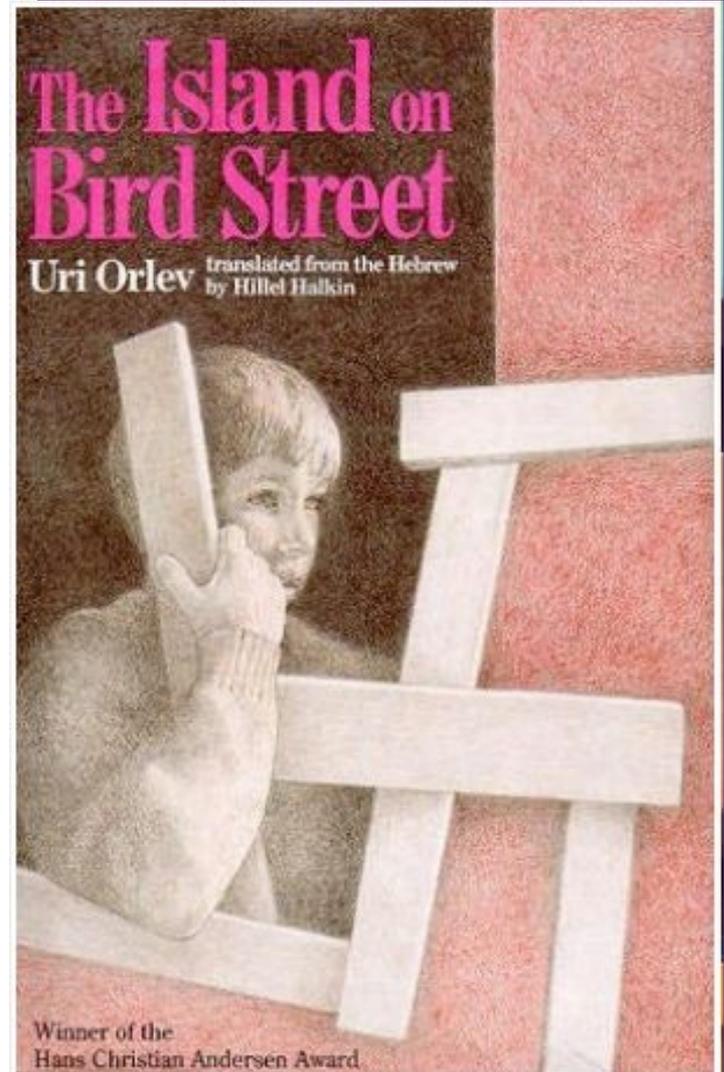
by Kwame Alexander

Twin brothers Josh and Jordan Bell are awesome on the court. But, Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious novel of family and brotherhood. Josh and Jordan must come to grips with growing up on and off the court to realize breaking the rules comes at a terrible price, as their story's heart-stopping climax proves a game-changer for the entire family.



Island on Bird Street **by Uri Orlev**

When the entire Warsaw Ghetto is evacuated during World War II, one boy still remains hidden, waiting in obedience for his father to return as he told him he would. The young boy must struggle to survive in the midst of fear and danger.



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Life's journeys: How do stories influence who we are and how we perceive the world?

Guiding questions:

- In what ways can personal challenges help people develop courage and wisdom?
- How do life experiences influence the way people see, understand, and interpret the world around them?
- In what ways are personal choices influenced by the society/culture of an individual and the age in which he/she lives?
- How do people find meaning and purpose in the personal challenges faced along life's journey?

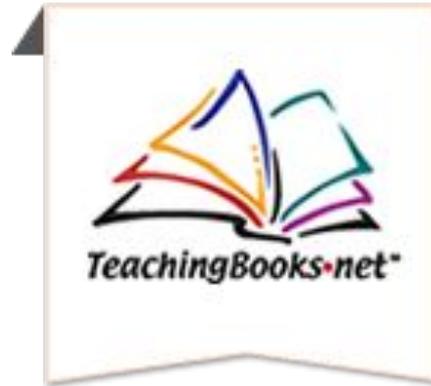
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Directions: The book you have chosen to read this summer will help you to learn about the personal challenges involved in **life's journeys**.

Consider the questions above as you read the book and complete the double-entry journal.

Textual evidence of an event or challenge that is important in the character's life journey.	Explain what the character learned from the event or personal challenge he/she experienced on this journey.
<p>Example from <u>The Dreamer</u>: “Stop that incessant daydreaming!” The white tip of Father’s yellow beard quivered as he clenched and unclenched his narrow jaw. “And why are you out of bed?” Neftali averted his eyes. “Do you want to be a skinny weakling forever and amount to nothing?” “N-n-n-no, Father,” stammered Neftali.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page# 10</p>	<p>Neftali is ridiculed by his father for his imagination and daydreaming. His father is harsh. Many children would be defeated by this. However, Neftali continues his journey of self-understanding and knows that he must follow his inner voice.</p>

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