

Dear Soon-to-Be Seventh Grader,

Welcome to your seventh grade year. Seventh grade is a grade of leadership where the school looks to the class to be good examples. There is also an increased workload with more complex assignments and challenges. To prepare you for some of these challenges, you will be reading *My Brother Sam Is Dead* by James Lincoln Collier. This is the story of a boy in the Revolutionary War who is torn between the American and British sides of the war. This book is available at the library for free, Amazon.com, or any other book seller. When you arrive back for the first day of school, you will submit all required assignments. In addition, there will be an essay on *My Brother Sam Is Dead* during the first week of school.

Please note that any suspicion of plagiarism such as copying from publisher's notes, online summaries, or websites such as Sparknotes will result in a zero which will have a drastic impact on your first marking period grade. We have read the book and we know the different websites dedicated to summaries of this book. The expectation is that you will read the book and not just summaries.

Below is a tear off that you and your parent must sign and return no later than Wednesday, June 14. Ten points will be deducted from your assignment in September if this tear off is not returned on time.

Sincerely,

Timothy Bishop
Carolyn Agoglia

I will read this book and complete the related assignment by the first day of school.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

For this assignment, you must find five quotes that relate to duty, loyalty, family, violence, or growing up. You must include the quote as well as a paragraph about how the quote relates to duty, loyalty, family, violence, or growing up. The quote and explanation should be side by side.

Quote	Explanation

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