

Dear Future 7th Grader,

This summer, you are required to read **two books**. You will complete one major project and one assessment based on your reading. All work is due on the **first day of school**, and you should be prepared to discuss your reading.

First Book (Required):

Christian Heroes – Then and Now: Charles Mulli: We Are Family
by Janet and Geoff Benge

For this book, you will create an original **children's storybook** inspired by the life and impact of Charles Mully.

Project Requirements:

- Your book must be **10 pages in length**
- Each page must include:
 - Written text (written for a younger audience such as Kindergarten or 1st grade)
 - A corresponding **illustration**
- Include a **front cover** with a title and illustration
- Include a **back cover** with a brief synopsis of your story
- Your story should clearly reflect key ideas, events, and themes from Charles Mully's life
- Use neatness, creativity, and effort throughout your work

Second Book (Required):

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

For this book, there will be a **20-question test during the first week of school** that will demonstrate that you have read and understood the novel.

You should come prepared with a **basic understanding of the plot, main characters, and key events** of the story.

Be prepared to thoughtfully engage in class discussions about both books. All work should reflect your best effort and demonstrate your understanding of the reading.

Happy Summer Reading!