

## Rising 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Language Arts

#### Summer Work for 2025

This summer you will be reading the novel *The Light in the Forest* by Conrad Richter.

“When John Cameron Butler was a child, he was captured in a raid on the Pennsylvania frontier and adopted by the great warrior Cuyloga. Renamed True Son, he came to think of himself as fully Indian. But eleven years later his tribe, the Lenni Lenape, has signed a treaty with the white men and agreed to return their captives, including fifteen-year-old True Son. Now he must go back to the family he has forgotten, whose language is no longer his, and whose ways of dress and behavior are as strange to him as the ways of the forest are to them.”

Link to purchase novel: <https://a.co/d/iTVMvtT>

**Students must complete the chart below with notes (bullet lists fine) that will be checked the first week of school and used to help write a thematic essay for a grade.**

The following pages will have the charts needed for taking notes on conflict and theme as you read the novel. Be mindful that these notes will be used to help you write an in class essay when you return to school. They can also be helpful as we discuss as a class and prepare our ideas for writing.

- 1. Describe what you believe to be the main conflict of the story. Give plot examples to support why this is the main conflict.**

Conflict (main problem in the story)
Evidence/Support from plot/character's actions: (examples from the story)
Exposition:
Inciting Incident/Conflict:
Rising action:

Climax:

Falling Action:

Resolution:

**2. Select a theme that you think fits the novel:** (*Struggle for one's true Identity, Allegiance, Imperfection of both Indian and Colonial Societies*)

**Why is the theme you selected a good choice for the novel? Provide plot and character evidence/support from the book.**

Theme:

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Evidence/Support from plot/character's actions: (examples from the story)