

## SUMMER READING 2026! You know you love it!

To prepare you for 7th grade and to maintain your reading level, you will be reading a historical fiction novel based on the Revolutionary War called *Attack of the Turtle* by **Drew Carlson** over summer break. In 7th grade history, you will cover the Revolutionary War, so this will give you a reference point for that historical event. You are welcome to purchase your own copy or check it out from one of our local libraries. The book is available to purchase on the Amazon or the Barnes and Noble websites or for in-store pick up after ordering at B & N. If you would like to pair up with a friend to use the same book, you are certainly allowed to do so. If you prefer, you can listen to the book by way of a number of audio sites.

There are two assignments that will be required of you after reading the book:

1. **DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** Make a list of 15 facts that you learned while reading this book. You may record them as you read or compile your list after you finish reading. Your list is due the first day of school when we return in August, and you should use a heading as listed below; your list may be typed or hand-written. Your new teacher will send you an email reminding you of the assignment shortly before school starts.
2. You will take an objective test on the novel during the first few days of school. The exact day will be determined by the activities that are scheduled to occur once school is in session. It is important that you have the book read by the time we return to school so that you will be ready for the test whenever it happens.
3. **TO BE DONE IN CLASS AFTER SCHOOL BEGINS.** You will write an essay **AFTER** school starts as directed by me. Please do not write this ahead of time. This will be your first major grade in 7th grade English, so do not neglect to read the book.

MLA Style Heading:

Susie Student (first and last name)

English 7

Fact List for *Attack of the Turtle*

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We hope you enjoy the novel; it is quite well written and easy to read, but will accomplish the goal of keeping your reading skills sharp. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to see me before school is out on the junior high hallway.