

# Grade 7 ELA Honors - Summer Reading Assignment

## *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

**IF you have ALREADY read and completed an A.R. Test for *The Lightning Thief*, read the next book in the series or a different series by Rick Riordan!**

Copies of the book can be found at Barnes & Noble, at local libraries, or on various websites, such as [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) or [bn.com](http://bn.com).

### **READ THE STORY AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO CREATE A GIFT PACKAGE FOR A CHOSEN CHARACTER FROM THE STORY.**

1. Choose **one** of the main characters from *The Lightning Thief* – or the Riordan book you chose (Percy, Grover or Annabeth).
2. Identify the **NEEDS** or **WANTS** of that character. **DO NOT GIVE GIFTS THE CHARACTER RECEIVES IN THE STORY!**
  - a. Think about the character and his or her experiences throughout the story. What are some things or qualities that your character might appreciate?
3. Choose **THREE** gifts to give to your character.
  - a. **TWO Tangible Gifts** – things you can: pick up, touch, look at (these can be people)
    - i. Cinderella might be able to use an assistant to help her with the overwhelming amount of work given to her by her step-mother and step-sisters. She may also appreciate a nicer wardrobe to wear when she leaves the house, or when guests come to visit.
  - b. **ONE Intangible Gift** – a quality that the character is lacking - something that would make his or her life better or easier (honesty, hope, love, courage, time).
    - i. Cinderella could use the privilege to enjoy doing the things she loves when she is done with her chores.
4. Using a shoe box, or a similar size box, create a decorative “package” in which to put your Gifts.
  - a. The box must be decorated to illustrate the Theme, or main idea, of the story - or an episode within the story.
5. **You are NOT to spend money on your gifts.** Find items around the house that meet the needs of your character – or find something representative of each particular gift. You may **NOT** use pictures to represent your gifts, BUT you may use symbolic objects. You **MUST** put effort into your gifts – **DO NOT USE PRINTED PICTURES!**

When we return to school in August, you will be expected to complete a comprehensive test over the novel, share your gifts, AND begin the year with a five-paragraph letter, developing the problems and solutions experienced by the chosen character (THIS will be done **IN CLASS**).

Your Gift Project is due on Tuesday, August 29, 2017. Remember, this assignment is not optional, and will count as your first grade for the first quarter. **BE CREATIVE!**

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Have a Safe, Fun, and Relaxing Summer☺

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