

**Seventh Grade English
Lee Scott Academy 2022-2023
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SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to Seventh Grade English! This summer you will be reading one (1) novel. The assignment for summer reading is described below. It will be due the first week of school. There will also be a test on the novel to assess knowledge and understanding within the second week of school.

Part I: Required Reading:

Tunes for Bears to Dance To by Robert Cormier (historical fiction)

Quick Summary: Henry, a teenager, needs a job to help his family after his brother's tragic accident. His new boss has a complicated task for Henry to do; what will Henry decide?

Assignment: After reading **the novel**, complete the analysis on page 2 of this document.

Summer Reading Analysis for 7th Grade English

Name: _____

Summer 2022

Novel: *Tunes for Bears to Dance To* by Robert Cormier

Comprehension:

1. Main character:
2. Where does he work?
3. Why does he work?
4. Who is Mr. Levine? What does he do and where and why?
5. Who else works at the Arts/Crafts center that Henry befriends?
6. What does Mr. Hairston do that defines his character?
7. What does Mr. Hairston want Henry to do?
8. Why does Mr. Hairston make this proposal to Henry?
9. What decision did Henry's make and what was the outcome?
10. How does Henry feel about what happened?

Theme Response #1: (2-3 complete sentences)

Taking responsibility for one's actions is the right thing to do, and Henry seems to want to do the right thing. However, he never tells George or Mr. Levine the truth about what happened. Why?

Theme Response #2 (2-3 complete sentences)

The title seems unusual for the novel until one realizes that Henry is "dancing" to Mr. Hairston's tune instead of Henry's own consciousness. Explain, with an example from the book, how Harry is convinced by Mr. Hairston to do what he believes is wrong.

These answers may be typed or hand-written neatly in pen and will be due the first week of school.