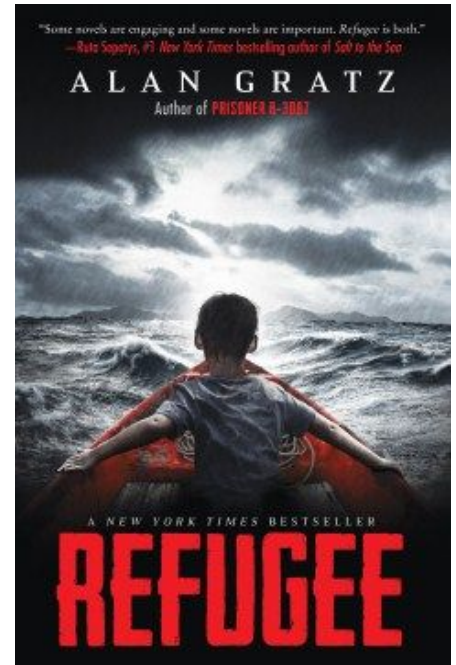


7th Grade Summer Reading

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Three pre-teen children and their families are driven from their home countries by war, violence, and unrest. Josef flees Nazi Germany in 1938 after the horror of Kristallnacht, Isabel escapes Cuba in 1994 to avoid riots and starvation in Havana, and Mahmoud leaves Syria in 2015 after a bomb destroys his family's apartment building. The stories of the three children are told in alternating chapters; all three share elements of hardship, fear, and loss as well as examples of the power of love, family, and hope. Although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections tie their stories together in the end.

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Sticky Notes Annotation

Annotating is engaging with the text or adding notes to a text. Annotating helps you gather evidence for discussion and assignments. As you read, keep a square of Post-it notes, a pencil, and a highlighter readily available. Use a sticky note to jot down ideas and post the sticky note to any page in the novel.

How do I know when to use a sticky note?

- Is a character behaving in a way that you do not expect? Write on your sticky note why you think the character is acting that way.
- Did you or a character in the book suddenly realize something or figure something out? Write on your sticky note how this revelation might change things going forward.
- Has a character in the book just shared advice or insight that impacts you or another character? Write on your sticky note what the life lesson is.
- Are there any words, ideas, realizations, or objects that are repeated in the novel? Write on your sticky note why you think the author includes the repetition.
- Track your reactions – Is there a passage that caused an emotion, like anger or surprise? Why? Write down the emotion and an explanation about your reaction.

How many sticky notes do I need?

- Fifteen (15) total - approximately 1 sticky note per every 25 pages

Due on the first day of school.