There’s so much magic that happens when we read. It creates space to explore our imaginations and learn beyond what the surface has to offer. That is why we will be ready this magical novel called The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill. Ms. Barnhill is an American Author who specializes in children’s literature and fantasy, as well as science fiction. She was awarded the John Newberry Medal by the American Library Association.

We will read New Kid by Jerry Craft. Mr. Craft is an American Cartoonist that advocates to bring upon a positive image for the African American community. Craft grew up in Washington Heights and graduated from the School of Visual Arts in 1984. He had a vision to speak for the youth and create healthy environments for them while using his platform. New Kid will allow the students to analyze how although a new year is approaching, there are always great opportunities and memories attached to change.

- Students will read The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill and New Kid by Jerry Craft.
- Students will write an essay for both books showing their full knowledge of what they have read.
- Both essays must be a 5-paragraph essay and must give a full description of both novels from beginning to end.
  - Students will have a questionnaire to complete for each novel.
- Both essays and questionnaires must be turned in the first week of school to receive full credit.
Read all instructions before beginning.

1. Read the books listed on the 7th grade required reading list, including the book for science entitled “Cosmic”.

2. Before reading The Girl Who Drank the Moon and New Kid, read through the response questions. **Choose 3 specific questions** to answer in addition to your summary paragraph and general response paragraphs.

3. While reading, keep notes, using the questions listed below to pull from later when writing your response paragraphs.

4. After reading, type out your book evaluation and make sure it adheres to all format requirements specified below. When you return to school in the fall, you will submit your paper by August 11, 2023, at the beginning of your ELA and Science class periods.

**General Paper Guidelines**
- 12 pt. professional font (Calibri, Times New Roman)
- 1” margins
- Title of book .5” from top margin (and properly italicized)
- Name in top right hand corner
- Class Name (ELA or Science) in top left hand corner (class number will be given during the 1st week of school)
- Indent each paragraph
*Each paragraph should take approx. ½ page, meaning that your book report should be no shorter than two pages and no longer than three full pages.*
List of Response Questions (choose three)

Setting:
“In what ways does the setting help develop the story and characters?”

Character:
“How does the author develop the differences of certain characters, especially his main character over the course of the book?”

“In what ways (specific thoughts, words, actions, etc.) does the author show you the development and change in his main characters?”

Plot:
“How does the plot keep you on the edge of your seat and wanting more?”

Conflict:
“What is the primary conflict and was it powerful enough to earn an entire book being written about it?”

Audience appeal:
“How does the author tell his story so that it appeals to (interests, pleases, stirs up) his audience?”

Paragraph format

Paragraph 1: Summary of the book
- Talk about the main character(s) and events in the book but do NOT include your opinions.

Paragraphs 2-4: Chosen response questions (from above)
- I should know by the topic sentence which question each paragraph is answering.
- Paragraphs that use specific examples will receive better grades than paragraphs that generalize.

Paragraph 5: General personal opinion of the book
- Talk about the things you like about this book and the things you dislike about it. Make sure to explain why you like or dislike these things.
**Questionnaire for *New Kid by Jerry Craft***

1. Describe the new school Jordan is going to be attending?
2. Why does this school excite Jordan’s mother so much?
3. Compare and contrast Jordan’s mom and dad. What are their individual thoughts on changing Jordan’s school?
4. What are some of the main challenges that Jordan faces each day at school?
5. What is your first impression of Mr. Landers?
6. What is the relationship between Jordan and Mr. Landers? How does it affect the storyline of the novel?
7. How do the teachers and other students treat Jordan differently?
8. How does Jordan change throughout the book?
9. What is Jordan’s true passion?
10. Predict how you believe Jordan will adjust into the new school. What was his reality? How does this big school change impact Jordan by the end of the novel?
Questionnaire for *The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill*

1. What did Grand Elder Gherland have that no one else did?
2. Who owned the Road in the forest Who provided armed guards?
3. What was Antain’s nervous habit?
4. Who was the eldest of those who took care of Luna?
5. Who was Xan’s guardian?
6. According to the people of the Protectorate, who created everything?
7. At what age did the sisters of the Star hire apprentices?
8. Who lived at the top of the sleeping volcano?
9. What did Fyrian find inside a leaning tower?
10. What did Xan decide to transform into when retrieving the baby?
7th Grade ELA Books Resources

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

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New Kid by Jerry Craft

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Oftentimes, reading for students can seem quite boring. Well, this summer, I challenge you all to read the adventurous book about long-legged Liam and his quest to be the first child in space. You will read about his adventurous highs and lows on his quest.

You will have a series of reading comprehension questions to answer as you read the adventure. The questions will focus on 3 different chapters of the book. The first chapter is entitled “My Favourite Gravity”, 2nd chapter “My Visible Friend”, and the 3rd chapter “I am on Hold”. Please make sure you specify in your Word document which chapter you are answering the numbered questions from. The questions are attached via the link below. Please download your own copy of the question sheet and TYPE your answers on a SEPARATE WORD DOCUMENT to be turned in August 11, 2023, during your Science or STEM Class.

Where you can purchase Cosmic

**Cosmic - By Frank Cottrell Boyce (paperback) : Target** - $6.99

**Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce [Paperback], Pre-Owned Paperback 0545324505 9780545324502 Frank Cottrell Boyce - Walmart.com** $4.64 or $4.29

**Cosmic: Cottrell Boyce, Frank: 9780061836886: Amazon.com: Books** $6.99