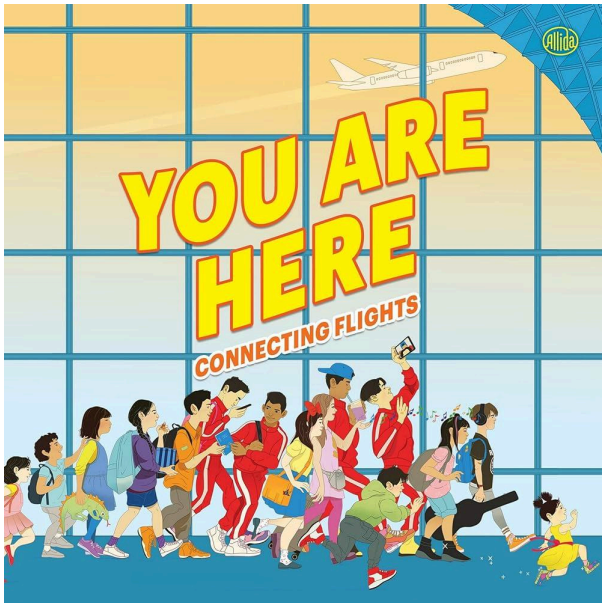


Ms. Hall
2024-2025 School Year
Summer Reading for 6th Grade ELA/SS



[*You Are Here. Connecting Flights*](#) by Ellen Oh

Please purchase the novel pictured above as soon as you are able. You can follow the link underneath to purchase it directly on Amazon. This novel will be your required Summer reading for 2024. First things first, read the book! This novel is a compilation of short stories edited by Ellen Oh and set in a crowded Chicago airport. Twelve unique perspectives on the experience of being Asian American highlight the complexities of identity, friendship, and the power of language. Remember what we talked about in Book Club at the end of the year - reading is made most powerful by making connections! I challenge you to think about how these stories connect to your personal life, the world around you, and to other texts and forms of media you've interacted with. While you should be engaging in these informal thought processes as you read, you will also have a formal assignment that will be graded when the new school year begins. We will use this assignment to transition into our first unit!

Formal assignment:

1. Choose the short story from *You Are Here* that you connected with the most.
2. In the style of this short story, write your own original narrative (does not need to be true).
3. Choose a **theme** for your narrative.
4. Imagine you are in a similar situation as the main character of the story you chose - how would you respond to certain events? How would you feel? What would you be thinking?

Requirements for your story:

- Written in first person POV.
- At least 4 paragraphs (5 sentences **minimum** per paragraph).
- Handwritten **or** typed.
- A clear **theme** that drives the events and thoughts of the narrative.
- Few to no mechanical errors.