



7th Grade Summer Reading Project
All of the Above by Shelley Pearsall

In the book All of the Above, four students attempt to break a world record by building the world's largest tetrahedron. In the fall, we will attempt to replicate that feat. To prepare for this amazing event, you must complete 2 tasks this summer after reading the book:

1. Essay

Write a five paragraph essay on any 1 of the following subjects:

- a. James Harris III dislikes school and anything connected to it. Write an essay about the changes James undergoes during the course of the novel. What shapes his attitudes about school? How do his family and his peers contribute to his feelings? What causes him to change his mind?
- b. Which of the four main characters do you feel the most connected to? Write an essay explaining why you feel that connection, using specific events from the novel and from your life to enhance your arguments.
- c. The role of each of the four students in the group mirrors a tetrahedron in some way. In your essay, discuss the role each of the characters plays in the group and each character's personality traits to determine how he or she is like a tetrahedron.

2. Build a Tetrahedron. You will create a tetrahedron and decorate the four sides in any of the following ways:

- a. Each side describing the character traits of one of the main characters from the story;
- b. Each side containing a recipe from the story, adapted to serve 110 students;
- c. Each side containing important facts about you – your likes, dislikes, interests, personality traits, etc;
- d. Each side containing ways that you are going to challenge yourself as a student this year;
- e. Each side containing illustrations of important events from the story;
- f. Or, use your imagination!

A copy of a sample tetrahedron shape is included on the back of this sheet. Email Mr. Bracken at bracp001@hartfordschools.org if you have any questions. Enjoy, and have a great summer!