

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading List

English 8 / Mrs. Murphy

ALL RISING 8th GRADE STUDENTS MUST READ (at least) 2 BOOKS THIS SUMMER.

BOOK ONE: REQUIRED READING: (PICK ONE OF THESE BOOKS--*Do not choose a book you've read before!)

Zlata's Diary by Zlata Filipovic

All the Walls of Belfast by Sarah Carlson

The Freedom Writers Diary by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gurwell

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

We Are Not Free by Traci Chee

The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

BOOK TWO: Choose 1 of the following that you have NOT read
(please note options re: author)

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Lord of the Flies by William Golden

Homecoming or **any** novel by Cynthia Voight

The Hero and the Crown or **any** novel by Robin McKinley

The Letter Writer or **any** novel by Ann Rinaldi

The Book of 1,000 Days or **any** novel by Shannon Hale

Sunrise Over Fallujah or **any** novel by Walter Dean Myers

The Angel Experiment or **any** novel by James Patterson

The Black Pearl or **any** novel by Scott O'Dell

The Chocolate War or **any** novel by Robert Cormier

The House of the Scorpion or **any** novel by Nancy Farmer

Everyday by David Levithan

For ONE of the books that you read (you pick which one), please complete the TYPED one-pager assignment as exactly as explained on the next page. For the other book, you will complete a project when we return to school.

Summer Reading general guidelines and MLA Format procedures:

(to be used for one of the books you read—you pick which one)

1. Open a Google document
2. Font tab - Change font to Times New Roman, size 12 pt.
3. Paragraph tab – choose “double” line spacing
4. Page Layout tab – be sure your margins are 1” (normal)
5. Type your name, teacher’s name, class and date (day, month, year) in the top left:

Great Student (You will use your name)

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English 8

25 August 2015 (You will use the correct due date for your class)

6. Type your “brief reflections” using 2 prompts from the cover sheet – please know that brief reflection should be **AT LEAST 5-8 sentences** (standard paragraph form) and should contain AT LEAST 2 specific details from the book. Each paragraph should begin with a prompt from the “One Pager” handout. (So you will have two paragraphs---each beginning with a prompt.) **Your paragraphs should have a beginning, a middle, and a conclusion.**
7. Fill out and attach the “One Pager” handout to the front of your typed paper.
8. REREAD what you have written to **check for clarity, omissions, and grammatical errors. Also DOUBLE CHECK that you have followed all directions.**
9. Turn in accurate and appropriate work on the due date.



Summer Reading One Pager

Name _____

Grade Level _____ English Teacher _____

One Pager

Title _____

Author _____

Date started/ date completed _____

Pages read _____

Rating of book (1-10) _____

Choose two (2) of the following prompts and type a reflection paragraph for each (you should have 2 paragraphs!)---follow the instructions exactly as found on the previous page. Attach your reflections to this sheet (use the instructions in this packet):

- I noticed...
- I wonder...
- I was reminded of ...
- I think ...
- I'm surprised that ...
- I'd like to know...
- I realized...
- If I were...
- The central issue(s) is (are)...
- One consequence of _____ could be...
- If _____, then...
- I'm not sure ...
- Although it seems...

Author's purpose:

Intended audience(s):

Academic honesty

By signing below, I am indicating that the information on this assignment is accurate and my own work:
