

Incoming 8th Graders

Summer Assignment

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Summer Reading

Over the summer each student is required to write two (2) book reviews.

Each review is to be approximately 2 pages in length, typed, double spaced, and include a proper heading.

The review is to include:

1. Main character, setting, plots and conflicts (and how they are resolved) are to be discussed in well thought out paragraphs.
2. It should be at least 4 to 5 paragraphs in length. First paragraph being the introduction, and background information of the book, with a topic or thesis sentence. Second to third paragraphs are what you are writing about the book from your topic/thesis sentence. Remember only one topic (main idea) per paragraph.
3. The conclusion paragraph should include: restate the topic/thesis sentence, summarize what you just wrote, answer any questions the reader might have, and your opinion of the book.

Be sure to allot the proper amount of time needed to read the books and write reviews. If you are one who waits until September 7, 2017 to read the books and write the reviews, the quality of your work will diminish! Be sure to use the English skills that you have learned over the last year.

The books you read are your choice from the list provided, but may not be books that you have already read.

Reading and reading comprehension are the keys to academic success!

I look forward to working with everyone next year!

Enjoy your summer!

Ms. Anne C. Donnellan

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8th grade summer reading book list:

1. Rules by Cynthia Lord
2. Legend by Marie Lu
3. Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
4. Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams
5. Little Women, Alcott, Louisa May
6. The Strange Case of Origami Yoda, Angleberger, Tom
7. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle: Nothing but the Truth, Avi
8. The Shakespeare Stealer, Blackwood, Gary
9. Tangerine, Bloor, Edward
10. Bradley, James with Ron Powers Flags of Our Fathers: The Story of Iwo Jima*
11. Braff, Joshua The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green
12. Bronte, Charlotte Jane Eyre
13. Buck, Rinker Flight of Passage
14. Callahan, Steven Adrift *
15. Card, Orson Scott Ender's Game
16. Cashore, Kristin Graceling
17. Christie, Agatha Murder on the Orient Express; And Then There Were None
18. Crane, Stephen The Red Badge of Courage
19. Dickens, Charles Oliver Twist; David Copperfield
20. Doyle, Arthur Conan Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
21. DuPrau, Jeanne City of Ember
22. Ende, Michael The Neverending Story
23. Haddon, Mark The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
24. Hesse, Karen Out of the Dust
25. Hickam, Homer Rocket Boys: A Memoir*
26. Parks, Rosa Rosa Parks: My Story *
27. Krakauer, Jon Into Thin Air*
28. Kherdian, David The Road Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl*
29. Montgomery, Lucy Maude Anne of Green Gables
30. Myers, Walter Dean Hoops; Scorpions; Fallen Angels; The Greatest: Muhammed Ali*; Bad Boy*
31. Smith, Betty A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
32. Zusak, Markus I am the Messenger; The Book Thief