

2021 Summer Reading for Upcoming 8th Graders

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents and Students,

The 8th grade Regular English teachers have designed a summer reading program which will...

- Reinforce literary elements studied in previous years
- Preview types of classroom activities and assessments students will have during the school year
- Provide support and enrichment for at-risk readers, competent readers, and superior readers
- Vertically align our summer reading program with the high school
- Create a community of readers and encourage reading for enjoyment

The first days of 8th Grade Regular English will include small group and whole class discussions, analysis of literary elements, an introduction to citing and supporting analysis with appropriate passages from the text, and an **in-class assessment**.

Happy Reading!
~Your 8th Grade
English Teachers

PART 1:

Read **ONE book of choice for the summer.**

Please select an appropriate novel of interest to you that is on YOUR Reading Level.

Former class novel titles in 6th & 7th grade **should NOT be considered**. In addition, please **avoid popular movie titles for your assignment choice**.

The novel needs to be FICTION.

PART 2:

Be prepared on the **FIRST DAY of school.**

The summer reading graphic organizers will allow readers to take notes and record their thoughts to better help them remember what happened in the novel. The graphic organizers **will be useful resources to have as we begin our class activities and assessments**.

Complete graphic organizers on...

1. Plot
2. Setting & Mood
3. Theme
4. Characterization

Get a **copy of the graphic organizers**

@<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BeGBjo8hyk2nZtsxMQW19J-ccf4a65lxi1hu3onn9c/copy>

FAQ's of REGULAR ENGLISH Summer Reading...

Is the assignment required?

YES. Summer Reading is required. An **assessment** will be completed in class from summer reading during the beginning of school. Graphic organizers have been provided for students to complete to aid comprehension and memory in preparation for the assessment.

Is this the ADVANCED English Assignment too?

No. This assignment is only for the REGULAR English course. Please see the correct assignment if you are enrolling in ADVANCED English.

How do I find a book on my grade level?

If you need help selecting an appropriate novel, please try...

- book reviews on Google, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Good Reads, etc.
- visit the public library or the Teen Librarian @HPL
- visit "Find a Book Alabama" at <https://fab.lexile.com/fab/alabama/>

Reviews often offer grade level or age ranges. In addition a Lexile Score can be used. The average 8th grader is approximately 800-1100 in range.

Can I use an EBook or Audio Book?

Ebooks, electronic text, and audio books are wonderful resources. Please follow along with the **WORDS** of the text (and not only the audio) since comprehension and textual evidence will be a critical part of your assignment.

Do I need to buy a book?

It is most beneficial if students have the book with them in class on the first day of school.

Can I use a book from 6th or 7th grade?

No. Please avoid titles read as a class in previous grades for the summer assignment. You may, of course, read that book for your pleasure, but choose a NEW book to read for the summer reading assignment.

What if I have questions or need help?

Please email Mrs. McBride and she will either answer your question or get it to the right person.