

8th Grade Summer Reading Guidelines

8th Grade Literacy

For eighth grade summer reading, all rising 8th graders will select a minimum of **ONE** novel to read.

A major component of your 8th grade year is preparation for high school. In order to encourage this concept and preparation, you will take ownership of your Summer Reading by selecting your own novel.

The novel should adhere to the following guidelines:

- The novel should be a *coming of age* story.
 - (A story that describes the changes that happen in a young person's life as they mature from childhood to young adult. A story in which someone will overcome adversity that causes them to grow).
- The novel should be a narrative and be mainly about the main character's journey.
- The novel should be school appropriate.
- The novel should be YOUR CHOICE.

Work to accompany Summer Reading:

- Along with the reading of this novel you will take notes. The notes you take should emphasize plot and character development. These notes may be handwritten or typed. If handwritten the notes must be **TWO PAGES**. If typed they may be one **FULL** page.
- Upon returning to school in August, you will present a "Book Talk" about the novel you chose to read this summer. The guidelines for this talk are attached. **BE PREPARED.**

Here are some author recommendations / resources to find books that fulfill the requirements. If you are still struggling, contact Ms. Poe or Ms. Collier for assistance.

Authors:

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| Kwame Alexander | Marissa Meyer |
| Jason Reynolds | Suzanne Collins |
| Nic Stone | |
| Angie Thomas | |

Resources:

***Choose a book from these lists that FITS the novel guidelines above.**

Battle of the Books Lists:

<https://school.library.nashville.org/MyAccount/MyList/51607>

<https://school.library.nashville.org/MyAccount/MyList/62553>

Generic Reading Lists:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-reading-list>

Book Access (Check out books from your local library / access ebooks here):

<https://www.mnps.org/learn/academics/library-services/summer-reading-resources>

You will receive a Google Form where you will state your acknowledgement of receiving these guidelines and your dedication to the reading and assignments that follow.

Note to Parents / Guardians:

The webpage www.common sense media.org is an excellent source for parents to use in order to be familiarized with the texts students are reading. The webpage provides “WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW” including the educational value, positive messages, positive role models, violence usage, sex usage, language usage, consumerism usage, and drinking, drugs, and smoking usage for a given novel. We strongly encourage your usage of this website to assist in your child’s summer reading text selections!

BOOK TALK ASSIGNMENT:

The goal is to get people to read your book! The benefits are you get to share what you are reading and talk about literature you love. The rubric is found on the website listed!

In the book talk, you must...

- Summarize the plot (do **NOT** give away the end!)
- Introduce the characters—Tell who they are. Who are the protagonists? Antagonists? Secondary characters?
- Share the setting—When and where does the story happen?
- Classify the conflict—What type is it and why do you think so?
- Critique the book—Did you like it or not, why? How much did you like or not like it? Why?
- Read from the book—choose a portion from the book to read aloud in class. The section should be no shorter than two sentences and no longer than two pages.

When you present you must include...

- Your poster with at least two pictures that apply to the book.
- Something tangible to share that connects to the book in some way.
 - (Ex: trinket, magazine, another book, etc.)
- The presentation must be between 2 and 5 minutes long.

DUE DATES:

- Posters / Notes are due ***Friday, August 13th 2021***
- Presentations will be ***Monday, August 16th and Tuesday, August 17th***

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- ***Visit the website poelit128.weebly.com for resources / guidelines.***