



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

According to research, reading by students during the summer consistently correlates to academic gains the following school year. **Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade are required to read one book of their choice over the summer.** In choosing summer reading, students must abide by the following guidelines:

- Choose a fiction or nonfiction book that they have not previously read
- The book must be 200 pages or more
- Nonfiction books must also be 200 pages minimum and resemble a novel

The assessment for each student's book will take place in the form of journal response questions. The response questions should be written upon the completion of the student's book. Students should write responses to the question prompts using lined paper OR type their responses to each question and staple to this summer reading packet. Question prompts for journal response questions are attached. **Students should bring the completed journal response questions with them on the first day of school and submit to their reading teacher.**

We are looking forward to meeting the new eighth grade class this fall. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teachers

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_



# Summer Reading Response Requirements

*\*Type or neatly write on lined paper*

*\*Each response requires 8-10 sentences*

Your Name

Book Title

Author

1. Choose two quotes, scenes, bits of dialogue and/or descriptions. Copy the text and page # for each in quotations, then discuss how it made you think or feel. Your discussion response should be 8-10 sentences for each.
2. In 8-10 sentences, explain what you think is the most important event/part in the book. Support your response with details from the story.
3. In 8-10 sentences, discuss the theme of the book, a life lesson, and/or what you learned from the book that you can apply to your own life. Use examples from the text to explain your thinking.