

7th and 8th Grade Summer Reading

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our Middle-Level Summer Reading website: tinyurl.com/MiddleSummerReading

How do I choose a book?

Select *one book* for your summer reading focus. Choose a book that works well for you:

- Does the book fit your personal reading purpose (to laugh, to learn, to explore)?
- Does the book interest you?
- Do you comprehend the story?

If you need assistance choosing a high-quality text, we have compiled lists on our Middle-Level Summer Reading website: tinyurl.com/MiddleSummerReading

What do I do during and after reading?

Use the attached graphic organizer to organize your thoughts, feelings, and connections to the book prior to returning to school in August. This activity is designed to provide an opportunity to engage with your book and analyze the text.

*While your teacher may use the assignment as an assessment to guide their instruction, the assignment itself may not be graded. *Please feel free to make copies of the graphic organizer if you need more room than allotted.*

What will happen when I return to school?

Your ELA teacher will explain the exact procedures for collecting your summer reading assignment within the first two weeks of school. The organizer itself may or may not be collected; however, you may also be asked to engage in a class discussion about your book, so you should be prepared to do so upon returning to school in August.

More information regarding assessment: tinyurl.com/MiddleSummerReading

What if I am taking Honors Language Arts?

Select 2 *choice* books from different genres.

*Most years, honors students are asked to select a book from a required list. We waived that requirement for the summer of 2020.



What is the book about? Note important chapters/sections.



Analyze why the author said things a certain way. What surprised you in the story? Use specific examples/evidence.



Note passages that made you feel specific emotions. How and why do you feel that way? What did you learn about yourself or the world?



Note sections that confuse you or you have questions about.