



Summer Reading English 7 and 8

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This year's theme is: follow your passion!

Choose a fiction or a nonfiction book to **read**, for a total of ONE book.

THEN, you will **complete** the assignment attached below for the genre you chose.

*there are TWO assignments below--you will do ONE of them--depending on if you read a fiction or nonfiction book.

Examples and Suggestions: Disclaimer--Remember, there are many, many, many books to choose from! The suggestions here are to get you thinking or help you out if you are stumped!

Fictional genres to consider:

Mystery: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

Fantasy: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness, *The Dark Endeavor* by Kenneth Oppel, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien(also a classic)

Sci-Fi: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer, *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle(also a classic)

Romance: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

Adventure: *Jackaroo* by Cynthia Voigt, books by Brandon Mull (he has several series--some also verge into fantasy!)

Historical fiction: *My Family for the War* by Anne C. Voorhoeve (a good one for fans of *Night*)

Horror: *Jane/Emily* by Patricia Clapp (Mrs. McD read this one at your age and it sticks with her to this day), *Doll Bones* by Holly Black, *Wait Until Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn (another one that kept Mrs. McD up at night!)

Comedy: *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson, *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman

Graphic novels: *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani, *Drama* (or any by Raina Telgemeier)



Sports related: *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander, *A Matter of Heart* by Amy Fellner Dominy

Classics: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulson

Nonfiction suggestions/examples:

These two links had great lists!

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/middle-school-nonfiction>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-biographies-for-teens/>

Brown Girl Dreaming

The Diary of Anne Frank

I am Malala

***Scroll to next page for assignments to complete with your summer reading.**



Nonfiction work writing response: Please choose one question to answer in 250-300 words.

Option 1: What would you say is the theme of this book and what specific examples proved or supported this theme?

Option 2: How can this book help its reader--what lessons can the reader learn from this book?

Option 3: Did this book pique your interest on an issue/topic? If so, how?

Option 4: Did this book seem to be biased or unbiased? Explain.

Option 5: What parts of this book surprised you?



Major Works Data Sheet (Fiction)--do this ONLY if you read a fiction book. Assignment is 3 pages long.

Your Name:

Title:

Author's name:

Genre:

Setting:

Protagonist + description:

Antagonist + description:

Suspenseful/exciting moments:

Questions you have:



Mood #1 + quote to support:

Mood #2 + Quote to support:

Mood #3 + quote to support:

Plot element analysis:

Opening scene: Give the event and what the event reveals to the reader.

List conflicts and what they reveal to the reader:

What do you think is the climax of the story, and what does it reveal to the reader?



Ending scene event + what it reveals to the reader:

Choose a character to describe and give your opinion about:

Writing Response to Fiction Work:

Title:

Author:

Choose a question to answer in 250-300 words.

Option 1: Would you recommend this book to readers? Why or why not?

Option 2: What would you have changed about this book?

Option 3: What is a theme or message you feel this book conveys and provide three examples to explain.

Option 4: Was the ending to this book satisfying? Did the author make the right choice?

Option 5: Choose a character that resonated with you. How do you compare and contrast with this character?