

## **Summer Reading English 7 and 8**

**McDaniel**

This year's theme is: follow your passion!

You will **choose** a fiction or a nonfiction book to read, for a total of ONE book.

\*Please do NOT choose a book you have read before; choose a NEW 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 and 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*

*The Hiding Place*

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



- b. Supporting point #2 for main idea #3:
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6. What were the author's concluding thoughts?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  7. What are three questions this piece left you with?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  8. What score would you give this nonfiction work out of 5? Please give two supporting reasons for your rating.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  9. Would you recommend this book to other readers? Please give two reasons to support your answer.

**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?**