

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

To complete your requirement for summer reading, adhere to the guidelines below:

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- Required reading book: **The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton
- Pick either one or two books from the list below.
- If you have read two books from the list below and wish to continue reading, you may also have one free book of about 200 pages.
- Following directions on the attached rubric, write a report on **The Outsiders** and a report on one of your other summer reading books (from the list) for a total of 2 reports.
- Both book reports are due on the first day of school and the two-four reading books should be read by then.

Summer Reading List

(You may read other books if approved by Mrs. Deloge in advance)

The Maze Runner (or any book in this series) by James Dashner

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

I'd Tell You I Love You, but Then I'd

Have to Kill You by Ally Carter

(or any of the Gallagher Girls Series)

The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann (or any of the Unwanted Series)

The Underdogs by Mike Lupica

Foul Trouble by John Feinstein

The Outsiders: by S.E. Hinton

The Secrets of the Realm by Bev Stout

Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl

Holes by Louis Sachar

Star Girl by Jerry Spinelli

Now Is the Time for Running by Michael Williams

Heat by Mike Lupica

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman

Boy 21 by Matthew Quick

Zel (Rapunzel) by Donna Jo Napoli

Little Woman by Louisa May Alcott

The Hobbit J.R.R Tolkien

The Hunger Games Series Suzanne Collins

Tuck Everlasting Natalie Babbitt

Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawls

The Secret Life of Bees Sue Monk Kidd

Flowers for Alergnon Daniel Keys

Little Woman Louisa May Alcott

The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe C.S. Lewis

*If there is another book students would like to read for summer reading, please see Mrs. Deloge

Summer Book Report Rubric

Grade 8

- **Format: 3 Page Total (10 points)**

- Title Page (1 page):
 - Complete with header and picture of your book's cover
 - Header:
 - Name
 - Date
 - Class (ex: Grade 8 ELA; Grade 7 ELA etc.)
- Introduction
- Analysis/body paragraph
- Conclusion
- 12 point font
- Double spaced
- Appropriate indentation and margins

- **Introduction (20 points)**

- Grabber
- Thesis statement: main idea of paper; road map to what you are going to touch upon
- Author's name, book name, setting, point of view

- **Body/ Analysis Paragraphs (30 Points)**

- 3 body paragraphs
- 1 short paragraph on summary
- Include a basic idea on theme *or* tone of the book. (2 paragraphs)
- Example: If your book was on Tortoise and the Hare, your theme could be: "taking the time to do tasks correctly can assure a more rewarding outcome rather than rushing through tasks."
- Example: "the tone of this book is sorrowful because the main character is dealing with the loss of a friend."
 - Tone: how the book is narrated, specifically through the use of certain words that evoke particular emotions.
- Use textual evidence to back up your ideas
 - Use quotes and paraphrase examples from the book! (2 total quotes)

- **Conclusion (20 Points)**

- Conclude your paper by adding your personal reaction to the book.
- Would you recommend this book and why?

- **Spelling and Grammar (20 points)**