

World of Inquiry School

Summer Reading Assignment 8th grade English

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Google Classroom code for summer reading is: **nalgfyz**

All World of Inquiry 8th grade students are expected to complete at least **ONE** summer reading book. The reading this summer is an independent read, **which should be selected from** the list provided to you or the ROC Reads selection. **If you want to choose a book NOT from the list, please contact Ms. Brown or Mrs. Meritt for approval.** Each student must read either a fiction or non-fiction text this summer; Honors students must read one of each.

Summer reading novels may be checked out of the library as well as purchased new or used. If asked early enough, I will gladly lend families books. Be prompt in getting a copy of the novel in order to complete your reading and assignments before returning to school in September.

Mandatory: One Fiction Novel or one Non-fiction Book (both for Honors/accelerated classes)

- During Reading:
 - Complete **5 Independent Reading journal entries** for **the one book you are reading**. You will find this assignment in google classroom; however, the journal entries may also be handwritten.
 - [Take notes](#) and plot important details as you read your selected books.

Fiction and Non-fiction Book Choices – Choose books from a list that follows and complete five “journal” entries as described below.

INDEPENDENT READING JOURNAL ENTRY OPTIONS – CHECKLIST

Directions: Select any independent reading book from the list of options provided to you. After completing approximately **30-35 minutes** of Independent Reading, please fulfill one of the following tasks. This is designed to actively engage you with your reading. You may only complete each task **one time**. Each written entry should be *at least* 8-10 sentences. Please include the date, which entry you are doing and how many pages you read as a heading for your journal entry. You must complete at least 5 entries for each book before returning to school in September. You may also submit your assignments to me electronically via google drive or via email kimberly.brown@rcsdk12.org. If you need assistance submitting let me know.

	Date Completed
Options: You may write a...	
• Summary (<i>Graphic organizer on Google Classroom</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Letter to the author	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Letter to a character from the book	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Set of at least 7-10 questions... create your own quiz	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Close reading analysis – pick 1 paragraph to discuss	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Pick 5 literary terms and connect to the novel	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Character analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>
• KWL – 5 things per column	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Choose 8-10 unknown words from the reading and find definitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Draw and explain a scene from the reading	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Compare/Contrast paragraph with another book you have read using a Venn diagram	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Comic Strip or create online	<input type="checkbox"/>
• https://mashable.com/article/create-your-own-comics	
• Choose a quote from the book – identify subject & speaker, explain the meaning	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Create [dialogue](#) between two characters
- Diary entry as a chosen character
- Advertisement/commercial for the book
- [Plot-structure](#) – (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution)
- Alternative part – rewrite any section of the book
- Poem or song lyrics (*can be original*) that relate to the book
- Collage of pictures, photos, or words depicting the book
- Re-design the book cover
- Mock newspaper or magazine article about the book
- [Text-to-Self, Text-to-Text, Text-to-World](#)
- Any other ideas? Let me know!

Be creative and insightful! And most importantly have fun!

Possible Independent Reading Book List for incoming 8th Grade

Black Lives Matter

- *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas
- *On the Come Up*, by Angie Thomas
- *All American Boys*, by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- *Dear Martin*, by Nic Stone
- *Ghost Boys*, by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *How It Went Down*, by Kekla Magoon
- *I Am Alphonso Jones*, by Tony Medina
- *Tyler Johnson was Here*, by Tony Medina
- *Between the World and Me*, by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *Watch Us Rise*, Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan
- *How it Went Down*, by Kekla Magoon
- *The Stars Beneath our Feet*, by D.B. Moore
- *The 57 Bus*, by Dashka Slater
- *Black and White*, by Paul Volpani
- *Stamped*, by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi
- *How to be an Anti-Racist*, by Ibram X. Kendi

Fantasy

- *Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky* by Kwame Imbala
- *Akata Warrior* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *Akata Witch* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr* by Christopher Paolini
- *Summerland* by Michael Chabon
- *The Warrior Heir* by Cinda Chima
- *Airborne, Skybreaker, and Starclimber* by Kenneth Oppel
- *The Bartimaeus Trilogy* by Jonathan Stroud
- *Sea of Trolls* by Nancy Farmer
- *Three Wee Men and Nation* by Terry Pratchet
- *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

Science Fiction

- *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi
- *The Ender Series* by Orson Scott Card
- *Feed* by M.T. Anderson
- *The Last Book in the Universe* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Little Brother* Cory Doctorow
- *The Maximum Ride Series* by James Patterson
- *Snow Crash* by Neal Stephenson
- *Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements

Realistic Fiction

- *The Field Guide for the North American Teenager* by Ben Philippe
- *13 Reasons Why*, by Jay Asher
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
- *Class Act* by Jerry Craft
- *Freak and the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Secret Lives of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *A Step from Heaven* by An Na
- *Skellig* by David Almond
- *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants Series* by Ann Brashares
- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt
- *Pinned*, by Sharon G. Flake

- *Bronx Masquerade*, by Nikky Grimes
- *Ambitious: A premiere High School Novel*, by Monica McKayhan
- *Stuck in Neutral*, by Terry Trueman
- **ANY book** written by Walter Dean Myers

Historical Fiction

- *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- *Copper Sun*, by Sharon Draper
- *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Vol. I & II* by M.T. Anderson
- *Black Duck* by Janet Lisle
- *The Book Thief* by Marcus Zusak
- *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
- *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara
- *Black Swan Green*, by David Mitchell
- *A Long Way From Chicago*, by Richard Peck

Latinx

- *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter* by Erika L. Sanchez
- *Across a Hundred Mountains*, by Reyna Grade
- *Aristotle and Donte Discover Secrets of the Universe*, by Benjamin Alire Saenz
- *The Distance Between Us*, by Reyna Grade
- *Nilda*, by Elizabeth Acevedo
- *The Poet X*, by Marie Marquardt
- *The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano*, by Sonia Manzano
- *The Surrender Tree*, by Margarita Engle
- *The Radius of Us*, by Marie Marquardt
- *Show and Prove*, by Sofia Quintero

LGBTQIA+

- *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender
- *Being Jazz* by Jazz Jennings
- *The Darkest Part of the Forest*, by Holly Black
- *Beautiful Music for Ugly Children*, by Cronn Mills
- *The Bermudez Triangle* by Maureen Johnson
- *Let's Talk about Love*, by Claire Kann
- *Becoming Nicole*, by Amy Ellis Nutt
- *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*, by Becky Albertalli
- *Carry On*, by Rainbow Rowell
- *Ash*, Malinda Lo

Non-Fiction

- *Stamped: Racism, AntiRacism, and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
- *So You Want to Talk About Race*, By Ijeoma Oluou
- *Dragon Hoops* by Gene Luen Yang
- *The Pact*, by Drs. Samson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt
- *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, by Ben Carson
- *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, by Frederick Douglass
- *African Princess: The Amazing Life of Africa's Royal Women*
- *We Beat the Streets*, by Drs. Samson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt
- *The Devil in the White City*, by Erik Larson
- *Escape from Camp 14*, by Blaine Harden
- *A Child Called It*, by Dave Pelzer
- *In the Garden of Beasts*, by Erik Larson

- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, by Alex Haley and Malcolm X
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking*, By Susan Cain
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou
- *Omnivore's Dilemma*, by Michael Pollan
- *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillebrand
- *Fast Food Nation*, by Eric Schlosser
- *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of Mt. Everest*, by Jon Krakauer
- *The Professor and the Madman*, by Simon Winchester
- *We Are All the Same: The Story of a Boy's Courage and a Mother's Love*, by Jim Wooten
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*, by Anne Frank
- *Breaking Through*, by Francisco Jimenez
- *Discovering Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore
- *What Video Games Have to Teach Us about Learning and Literacy*, by James Paul Gee
- *Rookie Year One or Rookie Year Two*, by Tavi Gevinson
- *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team, and a Dream*, by H.D. Bissinger
- *Outliers: The Story of Success*, by Malcolm Gladwell

ROC Reads Link

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