World of Inquiry School
Summer Reading Assignment 8th grade English

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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.
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.

Options: You may write a…

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

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