

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

This summer, I am going to ask that you select one book from your class list to read before next school year starts. This will be a good way to continue to practice and immerse yourself in English so that you don't forget everything we have learned this year.

I want you to enjoy the reading so I have designed a list of options for you to choose from in order to show that you read and understood the novel but that shouldn't be too much work for you either. You must make sure to reference sections from the **beginning, middle and end** of the novel.

Part I: Choose a book!

Please choose a book from the list below. **The book you choose should be close to your current lexile level.** Please check with Ms. Verhage if you do not know your lexile level.

Title	Author	Lexile Level	
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>	John Boyne	1010	Challenging
<i>God's Smuggler</i>	Brother Andrew		Challenging
<i>The False Prince</i> - (or one of the trilogy)	Jennifer A. Nielsen	710	Easy
<i>Legend</i> - (or one of the trilogy)	Marie Lu	710	Easy
<i>Sorta Like a Rock Star</i>	Matthew Quick	1030	Average
<i>Shabanu Daughter of the Wind</i>	Suzanne Fisher Staples	970	Average
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	Trenton Lee Stewart	900	Average
<i>Mockingbird</i>	Kathryn Erskine	630	Easy

Part II: Summary Reading Log. You should show me through your log entries what you noticed and what stuck out to you.

A. **Find the Quotes:** For your summer reading log you will make 9 entrees. I would like you to focus on the beginning, middle and end of the book.

Beginning: Find 3 quotes	Middle: Find 3 quotes	Ending: Find 3 quotes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A quote about the setting 2. A quote about the characters 3. A quote about the conflict or problem the character is facing 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find a quote about the climax or the most exciting part of the story. 2. Find two more quotes of your choice. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the theme or lesson that is taught in the novel? 2. How is the conflict resolved? Does the problem get solved? 3. Find a third quote of your choice.

B. **Describe the Quotes:** After finding each of your quotes, explain the quote in 3-5 sentences.

For any questions during the break, feel free to email me at rverhage@scs.edu.do. See you next year!

Part III: Choose one of the following options to complete.

1. Text to Text comparison

For this you must first identify an event that happens in the novel. Describe the event in three to five sentences. You must also tell me what chapter or page number this takes place in.

Then you must compare this to another book that you have read using another three sentences to specifically describe what happened in that book and how it is similar.

2. Character Chart

Here's one options for those who are artistically talent and/or creative. You will select two characters from your novel, preferable the protagonist and antagonist but if you have a different favorite, that's fine.

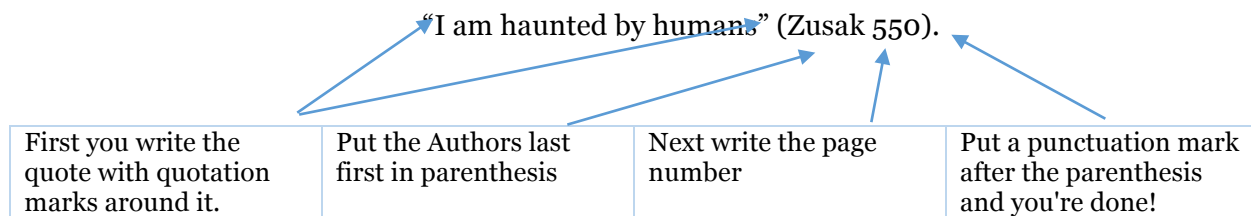
Draw a picture of your character using the physically traits as describe in your novel to add hair color, clothes, etc.

Second, identify three personality traits that each character possesses. This are internal traits that can't be seen such as a humbleness, kindness, charisma, pride, selfishness, etc.

3. Comic Strip

Create a comic strip (at least ten frames) of one chapter from your book. Make sure to include dialogue and the important details from that chapter. This can be done by hand or on the computer.

*****Citing a quote:** This year we will be learning to use MLA formatting. Here's an example from *The Book Thief* of how to cite a quote.



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