

Students entering 8th grade must read a total of THREE books over the summer. Choose ONE book from the Nonfiction List and ONE book from the Fiction List and the THIRD book is required reading for all students. A Book Response Assignment for each book is required. The three assignments should be completed on Google Classroom and submitted online by September 15, 2023.

NON-FICTION (Pick One)

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

Good Brother, Bad brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by Cross Giblin

Truce The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting by Jim Murphy

All Things Bright and Beautiful by James Herriot

An American Plague: (Fever Epidemic 1793) by Jim Murphy

**Or any Non Fiction Battle of the Books Book

FICTION (Pick One)

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Famous Last Words by Katie Alender

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson

Dunk by David Lubar

Matched by Allie Condie

The Mark of Athena by Rick Riordan

Every Soul a Star by Wendy Mass

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Pop by Gordon Korman

The Contender by Robert Lipsyte

Sunder by William H. Armstrong

That was Then This is Now by S.E. Hinton

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Messenger by Lois Lowry

And Then There Were None (or any title) by Agatha Christie

** Or any Fiction Battle of the Books Book

Required Reading for All 8th Grade Students: A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park

Note: Before selecting a book, check it out online.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2021-2022



Grades 7 and 8

Black Duck

by Janet Taylor Lisle

Counting by 7's

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam

by Cynthia Kadohata

Flipped

by Wendelin Van Draanen

Famous Last Words

by Katie Alender

Ghost

by Jason Reynolds

Hidden Talents

by David Lubar

The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

I Will Always Write Back

by Caitlin Alifirenka

A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park

Out of my Mind

by Sharon M. Draper

Stormbreaker

by Anthony Horowitz

Under the Egg

by Laura Marx Fitzgerald

The Unteachables

by Gordon Korman

When You Reach Me

by Rebecca Stead

NAME

Class

1. BOOK DATA

- a. Title:
- b. Author :
- c. # of pages: Genre :

2. SETTING and MAIN CHARACTER

- a. Name one location where this story takes place:

- b. Support your answer by providing an example from the text which describes the setting. Example using the author's words (pg.) :

- c. Name one main character:

- d. Write two adjectives to describe this character's personality:

- e. Support your answer by finding an example from the text which describes the main character. Example using the author's words (pg.):

3. PLOT

- a. Describe the MAIN conflict facing one of the characters.

- b. Explain how the character's conflict is resolved.

Class

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c. # of pages: _____ Genre : _____

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- c. Name one main character:
- d. Write two adjectives to describe this character's personality:
- e. Support your answer by finding an example from the text which describes the main character. Example using the author's words (pg.):

a. Describe the MAIN conflict facing one of the characters.

b. Explain how the character's conflict is resolved.

Directions:

1. TITLE, AUTHOR, and PUBLICATION DATE of the book.
2. Type a one page response (size 12 font, Arial, 1.5 spacing) to the question below:

Many important lessons can be learned through reading novels. However, nonfiction books tend to be more informational.

What were the most surprising, interesting, or useful pieces of information you learned through reading this nonfiction book?

You MUST include a citation (page and author's words) to support your answer.

Begin response on the second page.