

8th Grade Summer Reading

Literature Summer Reading

In an effort to provide a summer reading assignment that is both interesting and enjoyable, we have included five book titles that appeal to a wide range of interests. You are to select a minimum of two books from the list to read this summer.

For each of the books you read from the list, you are to complete a novel outline, which is attached. In September, the novel outlines will be checked, and you will be given a writing assignment based on the two summer reading books you have selected. The writing assignment will be given in Literature class.

We look forward to discussing your selections in September.

8th Grade Book Choices

1. *Chains* by Luarie Halse Anderson
 - a. After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.
2. *The Year of the Hangman* by Gary Blackwood
 - a. Imagine what would have happened if the Americans had lost the Revolutionary War.
3. *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of WWII* by Joseph Bruchac
 - a. After being taught that the Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the marines to become Code Talkers.
4. *In the Middel of the Night* by Robert Cormier
 - a. Sixteen-year-old Denny lives in the shadow of a deadly accident with which his father was connected when he was Denny's age, a disaster for which some of the survivors still blame his father.
5. *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
 - a. In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, filled with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Summer Book Choice #1

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Title: _____

Book Author: _____

Character	Character Description

Setting: _____

Conflicts: _____

How has the main character changed over the course of the novel? Use the chart below.

Beginning of novel	Middle of novel	End of novel

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Summer Book Choice #2

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Title: _____

Book Author: _____

Character	Character Description

Setting: _____

Conflicts: _____

How has the main character changed over the course of the novel? Use the chart below.

Beginning of novel	Middle of novel	End of novel