

8th grade SUMMER READING

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Dear 8th grade students,

You are required to read a total of two books from the following list. You must read the mandatory book and complete the assignment. You will also choose a second book and read it thoroughly. Please take notes on the setting, conflicts, characters, and theme. I expect your projects to be typed, double-spaced, 12-point readable font. The more creative you are, the better.

MANDATORY

BOOK- *Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

PROJECT- You will write your own personal letter to a character of your choice. Please put some thought into your letter. Your letter should be at least one page in length, double-spaced, 12 point readable font. Please make your letter look like a letter. See the attached paper for guidelines.

CHOOSE ONE BOOK AND COMPLETE THE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER. Bring the graphic organizer with you on the 2nd day of school.

Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Stormbreaker or by Anthony Horowitz-

Fever (1793) by Laura Halse Anderson

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

The Hobbit by JR. Tolkien

Perfect by Natasha Friend (Parental Discussion Recommended)

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry (Sequel to *The Giver*)

Night by Elie Wiesel

Once by Morris Gleitzman

**If the book is a series, and you have read that book, you may read the next book in the series.

Outsiders

You will be writing a friendly letter to a character of your choice. This should be 1 page or more in length, typed, double spaced, any font and color. You should include the following:

Line 1-Street Address
Line 2- City, State Zip Code
Line 3- Date Written

Salutation/Greeting- Dearest _____,

Paragraph #1- Introduction-Introduce yourself-name, age, school, family, etc. Tell the character about yourself.

Paragraph #2- Discuss 2 conflicts that occurred in the novel. Discuss what happened and explain the outcomes or solutions.

Paragraph # 3- Discuss a time in your life when you felt bullied. Explain in detail. If you would like to change the names, you may.

Paragraph #4- Discuss a time in your life when you were the bully. Once again, if you would like to change the names, you may. What can you do in the future so this never happens again.

Paragraph #5- Conclusion Paragraph-This is a time when you should discuss the theme of the novel. A theme is the overall moral or meaning of the novel. Think of a two word phrase that begins with a verb and ends in -ing.
Example- Searching for the Truth, Finding Friendship.

Closing,
Sign and type your name