

8th grade Summer Reading

Book 1

You are required to read the following novel. There will be a comprehension test on the first day of school over main ideas from the novel.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Book 2

Select a book from the list below. Complete the assignment for the book that you chose and read. The assignment is due on the first day of school and will count as a quiz grade.

1. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, Mildred D. Taylor
2. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, John Boyne
3. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain
4. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, Avi
5. *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury
6. *10,000 Days of Thunder*, Philip Caputo
7. *Uglies*, Scott Westerfield
8. *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
9. *Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen
10. *The Little Prince* Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Assignment

You are to compose a five paragraph essay about the novel that you selected from the list. Essays should be typed in 12 font or handwritten neatly in your neatest cursive. Essays should be double spaced.

Paragraph 1

Introduce the book that you chose by including the title, author, and why you chose this book.

Paragraph 2

Describe the novel's setting and characters. Be specific and include many details.

Paragraph 3

Give a brief summary of the many points of the novel.

Paragraph 4

Describe the theme of the book.

Paragraph 5

Summarize your book and tell whether or not you enjoyed the book and if you would recommend the book to others. Be specific as to what you liked/ did not like.