

Course: 8th Grade ELA (English/Language Arts)

School Year: 2023-24

Assignment: Summer Reading

This will count as a grade.

All students will be asked to read **one** book of their choice with the theme “Coming of Age” and complete a writing task. The purpose of this assignment is to foster a love of reading and assess current writing skills. At the beginning of the school year, your language arts teacher will expect that you have read your book and completed the assignment. While you may be asked to discuss your book in class, there is no need to create a formal slide presentation to do so.

ELA Summer Reading Assignment

Please complete the following task which will be counted as a grade in your literature class. This assignment must be typed and double-spaced (12 point, Times New Roman) in a Google document prepared to be shared with your Language Arts teacher on the first day of school. Your name must be on the top left-hand corner of the paper. You must also include the author and the title of the novel.

Excluded Book List

- Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie, Jordan Sonnenblick
- To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee
- Lord of the Flies, William Golding
- The Devil’s Arithmetic, Jane Yolen
- The Diary of Anne Frank

Question: Please consider the coming of age theme that was presented in your text. Within 2 RACE responses, share two lessons that your character learned as he or she progresses through the text. Within each RACE paragraph, the students are expected to provide detailed textual-evidence that explains the lesson that is being discussed. Therefore, there should be one lesson discussed within each paragraph, which will require the students to discuss a total of two lessons throughout this assignment.

R A	Restate and answer the question in the form of a statement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 sentence
C	Cite textual evidence to support your answer. (Provide two examples) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 sentence for each example Sentence starters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to the text... • On page _____, the author stated... • In the text it states...
E	Explain how your textual evidence supports your answer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 sentences for each example Sentence starters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This shows... • This demonstrates... • This proves... • The evidence suggests...
R	Reword the main idea to wrap-up your writing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a concluding statement.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!