

Eighth Grade E.L.A. Summer Reading Assignment 2019

For your summer reading assignment, you will read two books and reflect on your reading in your Reader's Notebook. A complete assignment will have a total of ten pages of reflections, five for each book. One great source of books is the public library, whether you plan to read a hard copy or read your books online. (See attached flyer about how to access thousands of books online for free.)

These are some ways in which you can reflect on your reading. You can view samples of Reader's Notebook pages at this site:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZVM3erbVWjBqT-6KxP-yIXObcfJono6RBetwt13JePE/edit>

Nonfiction

- Create a timeline of events in the book.
- Write down questions you would like to ask the author.
- Draw a new cover for the book.
- Write a recommendation for the book.
- Write a new title for the book, and tell why you think your title is better.
- Discuss how this book relates to you and your life.

Fiction

- Describe the problem or conflict in the book.
- Draw an important scene in the book and describe what you drew.
- Write a letter to a character offering him or her advice.
- Note when you are confused or surprised by something.
- Name one character you would like to have as a friend, and why.
- Jot down some questions you might like to ask the author.
- Discuss whether or not you thought the book was realistic.
- Compare this book to something that happened to you or something you read about or saw in a movie or on a television show.
- Make a movie poster for this book and choose the actors you would like to play the major roles.

The rubric for this assignment is on the back of this sheet. This summer reading assignment is your first graded assignment for eighth grade and is due on **September 16, 2019**. Late assignments will lose 5 points for each day they are late, and no assignment will be accepted after September 22.

Enjoy the summer, and enjoy your summer reading!

Ms. Calebrese
Ms. Danielson
Ms. O'Connor
Ms. Sanderson

Note: If you lose your Reader's Notebook, or were not in school when they were distributed, you may complete the assignments on looseleaf paper.

Eighth Grade E.L.A. Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

Use this rubric to make sure that you have done what is expected of you and that you are working to get the highest possible grade.

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Requirements (x 2)	-Read two or more books -Completed 10 or more pages of reflections	-Read two books -Completed 10 pages of reflections	-Read one book -Completed 5-9 pages of reflections	-May or may not have read one book -Completed fewer than 5 pages of reflections
Thoughtfulness (x 2)	-Most entries share personal responses to literature -All entries demonstrate understanding of text -Most entries use textual evidence to support thinking -Many entries share interesting content about reading -Length of entries demonstrates excellent effort -All entries--whether written or drawn--are done with careful attention to detail	-Many entries share personal responses to literature -Most entries demonstrate understanding of text -Some entries use textual evidence to support thinking -Some entries share interesting content about reading -Length of entries demonstrates good effort -Most entries are done with careful attention to detail	-Some entries share personal responses to literature -Few entries demonstrate understanding of text -Few entries use textual evidence to support thinking -Few entries share interesting content about reading -Length of entries demonstrates little effort -Some entries are done with attention to detail	-Few or no entries share personal responses to literature -Few or no entries demonstrate understanding of text -Few or no entries use textual evidence to support thinking -Few or no entries share interesting content about reading -Length of entries demonstrates little or no effort -Few, if any, entries are done with attention to detail

Total Points: _____/16