

8th grade Summer Reading 2017

You will read 2 books total and do 2 projects total for grammar summer reading.

Choose 1 books from the following list, and complete the “Fact or Fiction” project.

Ender’s Game by Orson Scott Card

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

A Swiftly Tilting Planet by Madeline L’Engle

Choose 1 book from the following list. After reading it, complete the “ABC Book” project:

Most Dangerous by Steve Sheinkin

Bomb by Steve Sheinkin

The Port Chicago 50 by Steve Sheinkin

FACT OR FICTION

Print out the sheet on the next page and follow the directions.

Factor Fiction

Title _____

Author _____

Directions: In each small box on the left, put the **page number** of an event or a setting from your book that is either historical or scientific. It should be something you can research. In the next box, **describe** the event or setting. In the **third box explain** how accurately the event or setting is portrayed given historical facts and scientific evidence. You must use an historical or scientific source to support your explanation. Write in complete paragraphs! In the final box, **name the source** you used to write your explanation. **WIKIPEDIA IS NOT ALLOWED!**

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DESCRIBE EVENT OR SETTING

EXPLAIN ACCURACY

CITE SOURCE

ABC Book Project (to be completed for Steve Sheinkin book)

Objective: Create an alphabet book in which each letter of the alphabet represents a significant, person, event, setting, or symbol from the book you read. Each letter of the alphabet will include an illustration and a brief description (at least three sentences that explain how that item is significant).

Guidelines: The alphabet book should include the following:

- writing that is typed or IMPECCABLY written in INK
- a brief description of the item chosen for each letter
- descriptions written in complete sentences using proper grammar
- an illustration of some type for each entry (these can be hand drawn, cut out of a magazine, or printed from the computer)
- a book cover
- a title
- the author's name listed on the front of the book

In addition, the ABC Book will be graded on Ideas and Conventions

- Do all of your descriptions make sense.
- Do all of your descriptions and illustrations adhere to your chosen theme?
- Did you include interesting details?
- Did you correctly use conventions (correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, etc.)