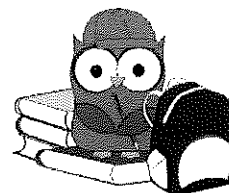


## 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment for Mrs. Cornell

Your assignment is to read 2 books this summer and complete the following questions for each book. The questions are the same for each book. For extra credit, you may read another book of your choice and answer the same questions. Bring these assignments to school on the first day. These are the first two grades for 8th grade ELA.

You may choose ANY books you want to read. I have listed some recommendations for you, but choose a book that interests you and is appropriate for your lexile level (www.lexile.com may be useful). I suggest getting books through your local library. Your grade will be based on how thoroughly you answer the 5 questions, which means you need to be specific and give examples. Book suggestions are listed below and on the back.

See you soon and HAPPY READING!!!!



### Questions

1. Why did you choose this book?
2. Describe your favorite or least favorite part.
3. Explain why it was your favorite or least favorite part.
4. Describe the main character in your book.
5. Explain how this character is similar to or different from you.

(If you choose a nonfiction book that doesn't have a main character, your questions 1-3 will be the same. However, change question 4 to: Write 5 ways that reading the book has added to your knowledge. You will only have 4 questions to answer.)

*For supplies in the fall, besides paper and pens, have a folder and a ½ inch binder. You may use any color you want. Middle school ELA has traditionally used blue if you want to keep it the same as last year. You may also find highlighters and sticky notes useful, but they aren't required.*

### **Adventure/Survival**

Brian's Hunt by Gary Paulsen

Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz

### **Fantasy**

Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom series) by Garth Nix  
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine  
The Secret Hour by Scott Westerfeld

### **Historical Fiction/Time Travel**

Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun by Arvella Whitmore  
A Girl Called Boy by Delinda Hurrence

### **Mystery**

Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfeld  
The Scream Museum by Paul Zindel

### **Nonfiction**

Guts by Gary Paulsen  
September 11, 2001: Cornerstones of Freedom by Andre Santella  
Dear Mr. President: Letters from a Young Coal Miner by Jennifer Armstrong

### **Realistic Fiction**

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tobin  
Freak the Mighty by Robert Philbrick  
Frindle by Andrew Clements  
Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech

### **Science Fiction**

Virtual War by Gloria Skurzynski  
Eager by Helen Fox  
Flip by David Lubar  
The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer

### **Time Travel**

Real by Felice Holman & Robin Moore  
The Time Hacker by Gary Paulsen  
12 Again by Sue Corbett  
Paperquake by Kathryn Reiss