

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 Hurmence

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