

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment for Mrs. Cornell

This year I am trying something new! You will have a choice of completing a traditional reading assignment or completing a set of 10 articles on Newsela. You may always read more than one book, do both assignments, or do a second set of 10 articles for extra credit.

Traditional Book Assignment

Choose ANY book you want to read. 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.

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.)

Newsela set of 10 articles

1. Go to Newsela.com and either access your account if you already have one, or sign up for one using your school email.
2. Choose one of the 8 reading sets to join. The codes are on the attached instruction page.
3. Read an article, take the quiz, and answer the writing prompt. (The lexile level of the article should be adjustable.)

Also while I have your attention, I will mention the supplies needed for the fall for ELA. Besides paper and pens, have 2 folders. You may use any color you want. Middle school ELA has traditionally used blue if you want the one that travels with you to be blue again. The other one stays in the room. You may also find highlighters and sticky notes useful, but they aren't required.

See you soon and HAPPY READING!!!!

