

Incoming Eighth Grade Summer Reading

Each incoming eighth grader is expected to read a total of two (2) books over the summer. One of the books is required reading for the entire class. The students may choose the second book from the list below. The students will be given a test over the required reading book, and they will have to complete a project for the book they have chosen from the topics below. The project is due the first day of school for the 2009-2010 school year.

Required Reading – The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

Choose one of these three books for your project:

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Star Girl by Jerry Spinelli

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

You need to choose one of the following book reports to do on your book choice from the list above. You will **NOT** do a project on The Outsiders.

1. Create a newspaper page for your novel. Summarize the plot in one of your articles. Write the weather in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story. The title of the newspaper and everything you include on the page must be related to the book.
2. Write a letter to the main character of the book. Tell the character what you learned about him/her. (Basically, you are describing the character traits, not a physical description.) Describe an event in the book that you liked or disliked and ask questions about the event. This paper should be two handwritten pages or one typed page. Either paper should be double spaced. (If you write your paper by hand, skip every other line.)
3. Create a diary or journal and write at least ten entries that might have been written by a character in the book. The entries must share specific details from the book. Each entry should be at least one paragraph in length (five to seven sentences).
4. Draw a picture timeline showing the important events in your story. Write a paragraph (five-seven sentences) underneath your drawing on the timeline describing the event and telling its importance to the story.
5. You may do a traditional book report using the form attached to plan your book report. Then, the book report should be two handwritten pages or one typed page. Either paper should be double spaced. (If you write your paper by hand, skip every other line.) Do **NOT** turn in the form as your book report.