



8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Writing about Reading

This summer you are required to read a **minimum of THREE BOOKS**, one of which must be Daniel Keyes' *Flowers for Algernon*. Please choose at least one other book to read from the attached list. Your third book is a free choice. You may not choose books you have already read. **When you are finished reading, complete the following writing assignment for *Flowers for Algernon*. An additional assignment based on your other books will be given during the first week of school.** Make sure you use specific examples from the book to support what you are saying. Your answer must include at least one quote from the book, cited properly (MLA). Your response should be typed and should follow the BMS writing standards.

THE SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT IS DUE ON THE SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL.

Assignment: This assignment should be no more than one typed page. Write a one paragraph response to the book with specific examples. You might consider:

- This book made me think/feel/realize/wonder/consider....
- One part I particularly enjoyed is when _____ because _____
- I love how the author _____
- What I'll remember about this book is _____
- I think the author wrote this book to _____
- The author's theme (not the subject) is _____ because _____
- If I could talk to the author about this book, I would say/ask _____

Your page should include a heading (BMS writing standards), must be double spaced in 12 point font, should be well organized and your ideas should be detailed and fully developed. Edit for spelling and grammar.

Remember, your paragraph must have at least one direct quote from the novel, cited properly (MLA).

The other book you choose is up to you. Here are some ideas for selecting great books: Recommendations are a great place to start. Ask your parents, relatives, trusted friends and teachers for suggestions of their favorite reads. Read another book by your favorite author. Check out the [ALA website](#) where you can see librarians' picks for the best books this year (and past years). See what's popular on Amazon.com and *The New York Times'* best seller lists. Visit the school and local library or support local bookstores. Don't forget that our school's e-book catalog has an amazing assortment of books to choose. Explore nonfiction books- it's amazing what you can learn. Read voraciously!

Indicate the title and author of the other two books you read:

Book #2: Title _____ and author _____

Book #3: Title _____ and author _____

Bonus: Other books! The sky's the limit!

Title _____ and author _____

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Title _____ and author _____

Make sure you and a parent sign the bottom:

Your signature: _____ Parent signature: _____

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Choose at least one of the Titles Below:

Fiction

Ready Player One - Ernest Cline

We Were Liars - E. Lockhart

Turtles All The Way Down - John Green (or any other John Green novel)

The Sun is Also a Star - Nicola Yoon

Two Can Keep a Secret- Karen M. McManus

Warcross/Wildcard - Marie Lu

The Book of Dust - Phillip Pullman

Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury

The Summer I Turned Pretty - Jenny Han

Dumplin'/Puddin' - By Julie Murphy

Fangirl/Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Rebels by Accident by Patricia Dunn

Pride by Ibi Zoboi

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy - Douglas Adams (or any in this series)

Matched - Ally Condie (or any in this series)

Far From the Tree by Robin Benway

Graphic Novels

American Born Chinese - Gene Luen Yang

The Iliad by Gareth Hinds (Graphic Novel edition)

The Odyssey by Gareth Hinds (Graphic Novel edition)

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler - John Hendrix Slater

Nonfiction

Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition - Margot Lee Shetterly

Into Thin Air - John Krakauer

The 57 Bus - Dashka Slater

We Are Displaced - Malala Yousafzai

The Lady is a Spy - Don Mitchell

Robert E. Lee: The Man, The Soldier, The Myth - Brandon Marie Miller

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler - John Hendrix Slater

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