



**Middle School for Girls
8th Grade Summer Assignment**

Dear Students,

Summer is a wonderful time to be with friends and family, but it is also a great time to experience the joy of reading. As you read, you should be thinking about what you are reading. The following reading assignment will guide our work at the beginning of the year. Choose from the provided lists as indicated.

Required Reading for Grade 8:

1. One novel from list A (next page)
2. One novel from list B (next page)
3. Two personal choice novels

Assignment for Grade 8:

While reading from the required lists, you are expected to take notes in literature square format (see reverse). You should complete one literature square for every five chapters (1-5, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, etc). When school begins in September you will be graded on your discussions in class, so it is vital that you take good notes while reading.

If you have any questions during your reading journey this summer, please do not hesitate to reach out- nixon@ashmi.org

Happy reading!

Ms. Nixon

Literature Square Example:

Example: *How I Became a Ghost* Chapters 1-5

(this should fill one complete page of college-ruled lined paper)

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| <p style="text-align: center;">New Vocabulary & Definitions (look up in a dictionary)</p> <p>Write down ALL new words that you come across in the text and then look up their definitions when you are done reading.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Admonish (pg. 3): to warn or reprimand someone firmly2. Formidable (pg. 10): inspiring fear or respect through being impressively large, powerful, intense, or capable.3. Chronological (pg.10): starting with the earliest and following the order in which they occurred. | <p style="text-align: center;">Notable Quotes & Page Numbers (write down 2-3 meaningful quotes)</p> <p>Need more direction?</p> <p>While reading, is there a quote that made you think, "woah!"?</p> <p>Was there a quote that greatly impacted one of the main characters?</p> <p>Did someone do or say something that made you angry?</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>"I am what I am, an' I'm not ashamed. 'Never be ashamed,' my ol' dad used ter say, 'there's some who'll hold it against you, but they're not worth botherin' with.'" Pg. 432</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Connections (make 2-4 connections with the text)</p> <p>Think about these questions when making your connections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How does the text relate to you?2. How does the text relate to the world/society)3. How does this text relate to other texts (books) you have read or other things you have learned in or out of school? | <p style="text-align: center;">Summary (What are 3-5 main events that took place)? Think 5 W's, who, what, when, where, why. Write in complete sentences.</p> |

Required Reading Lists

| A | B |
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| <p><i>*Little Women</i>, Alcott</p> <p><i>Hope Was Here</i>, Bauer</p> <p><i>Rules of the Road</i>, Bauer</p> <p><i>Spirit and Dust</i>, Clement-Moore</p> <p><i>Skinny</i>, Cooner</p> <p><i>Along for the Ride</i>, Dessen</p> <p><i>The Graveyard Book</i>, Gaiman</p> <p><i>Witness</i>, Hesse</p> <p><i>The Outsiders</i>, Hinton</p> <p><i>*The Giver</i>, Lowry</p> <p><i>Shadowshaper</i>, Older</p> <p><i>The Hired Girl</i>, Schlitz</p> <p><i>*Geek Girl</i>, Smale</p> <p><i>Murder is Bad Manners</i>, Stevens</p> <p><i>Dracula</i>, Stoker</p> | <p><i>Jane Eyre</i>, Bronte</p> <p><i>Bitter Melon</i>, Chow</p> <p><i>And Then There Were None</i>, Christie</p> <p><i>*City of Bones</i>, Clare</p> <p><i>The Skin I'm In</i>, Flake</p> <p><i>*If I Stay</i>, Forman</p> <p><i>Lord of the Flies</i>, Golding</p> <p><i>Paper Towns</i>, Green</p> <p><i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>, Green</p> <p><i>Under a Painted Sky</i>, Lee</p> <p><i>The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks</i>, Lockhart</p> <p><i>*Jackaby</i>, Ritter</p> <p><i>*Divergent</i>, Roth</p> <p><i>Of Mice and Men</i>, Steinbeck</p> <p><i>*Code Name Verity</i>, Wein</p> <p><i>The Book Thief</i>, Zusak</p> |

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