



Carroll Middle School: English Language Arts

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment and Related Project: Summer 2021

If you have any questions related to the 8th grade summer reading assignment, please contact Jenny Talentino, ELA Department Head, at the following email address: jtalentino@carrollschool.org

Reading Assignment:

Students are required to read ONE book: *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* by Jason Reynolds

Required Reading

- All Rising 8th grade students are expected to read the book *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* by Jason Reynolds
- Purchase of this book is NOT required.
- It is available at local libraries and in the following forms: paperback, Kindle, and Audible. Both books are also available on Learning Ally, which students have access to on their Chromebooks.
- If your child exhibits any difficulty decoding and/or comprehending this book, reading it aloud with them or choosing an option such as an audio version is perfectly acceptable.
- In addition to reading the book, students are required to complete a project; the directions are listed below.

Project Assignment for *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* by Jason Reynolds

Directions:

1. Create a project related in some way to the book *Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks*. See the chart below for suggestions.
2. Be prepared to present your project to the teacher and students in your 8th grade Language class. You do not need to bring your project on the first day of school.

Suggested Projects

Suggestions for Visual Props	Notes
1. Create an artifact .	Build an artifact (object) that represents a main theme or idea in your book. Example: a giant paper maché peach for <i>James and the Giant Peach</i>
2. Draw a portrait .	Draw an accurate poster-sized portrait of your favorite character. Use details from the book that describe the character.
3. Design a book cover .	Make a new book cover for the book. Remember to include a front, back, and inside flaps. Do NOT copy an existing book cover - create your own unique cover!
4. Create a collage .	Make a collage of pictures, words, and phrases that in some way represent the book's characters, setting, and plot. Use technology to be even more creative!
5. Draw or use pictures to make a storyboard .	Draw or use pictures to make a Storyboard outlining the main events in the book. This can be done by hand or using a software program such as StoryboardThat
6. Build a diorama	Build a diorama (three-dimensional picture) of the book's climax or your favorite scene.
7. Build a mobile	Build a mobile showing the main character and significant events.
8. Create a visual timeline	Create a visual timeline of the book. Technology maybe used.
9. Create a PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation .	Create a PowerPoint or Google Slide presentation with each slide representing the book's characters, setting, and plot. Include pictures and other visuals.