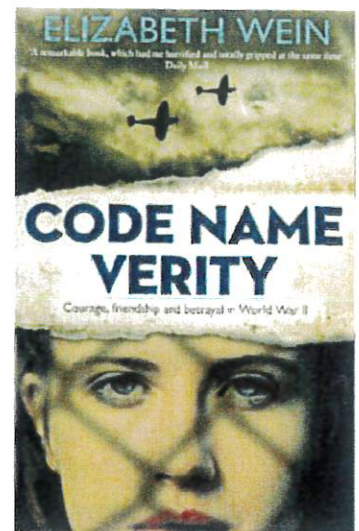
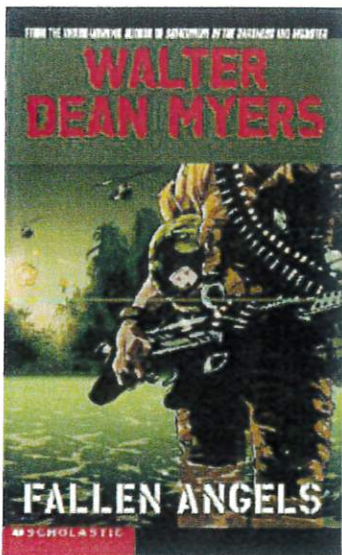


## Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Selections



PICK ONE NOVEL TO READ

*Pick the one that interests you the most!*

### ***The Book Thief by Markus Zusak***

By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

### ***Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein***

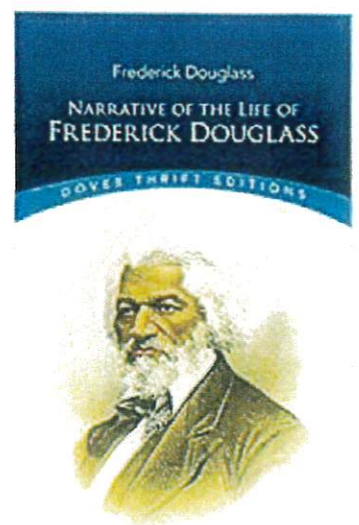
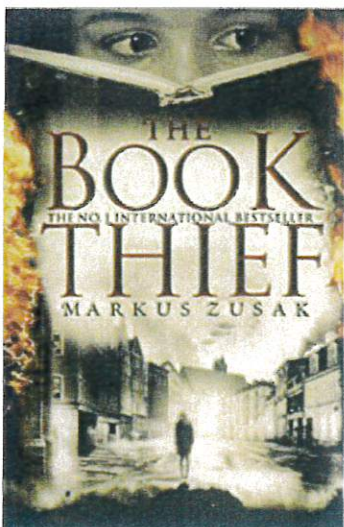
While on a risky mission over Nazi-occupied France, a British pilot and spy are shot down. The spy is quickly captured. The author begins with the spy's confession to the Gestapo, then alternates the story from the pilot's perspective.

### ***Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers***

An African-American 18-year-old's experience of Vietnam as a soldier who feels out of touch and disposable.

### ***The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass***

Former slave, impassioned abolitionist, brilliant writer, newspaper editor and eloquent orator whose speeches fired the abolitionist cause, Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) led an astounding life in which he was able to overcome many obstacles to become a leading spokesman for his people.



## English 8 Summer Reading Assignment

Your assignment is to choose a character from the book you have chosen to read and create three one-page diary entries for your chosen character. Choose one character from your book that sparked your interest as you were reading.



Create a personal diary for that character which depicts the major events happening in the story - both "seen" and "unseen" in the book itself. You are writing as if you are that character, from their viewpoint and perspective, in the first-person narrative form.

Format:

- Create a title page that contains the following:
  1. Title of the book
  2. The author
  3. A book cover of the novel
  4. Your name
  
- You will be required to write a total of **five** entries:
  1. **Two Descriptive Entries:** This style of writing will use strong visual and sensory images to create a lasting impression on your reader. You should be vividly describing a room, a place, an object, a person, or an event which was significant to your character.
  
  2. **Two Persuasive Entry:** This style of writing will reflect your character's wishes for something (an action or person) and how they might write to obtain their wish.
  
  3. **One Reflective Entry:** This style of writing will describe in detail what a significant event has meant to your character personally, how it has changed him or her personally, what important lesson did he or she learn from it, and how will they apply it later in life?

Each entry should be at least 250 words, typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font. Each entry should be from a different time in the book.

This will be due on the first day back to school.