



Middle School

2024 SUMMER READING

Dear Middle Schoolers,

For this year's summer reading assignment you will be allowed to choose your own book. The book can be fiction or nonfiction, but we do ask that you choose a book that you have not read before and something that is appropriate for your current reading level. Your book should be a minimum of 150 pages. Please complete the following assignments for the book you have chosen.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Mavroff

Annotations

For each chapter, write 3 major plot points (things that happen in the chapter). These can be typed or handwritten and should be in complete sentences. Note- if your book has extremely short or long chapters, try to do annotations for every 10-15 pages.

One-Pager

Create a one-pager to illustrate your understanding of your book. Your one-pager should be completed on unlined paper and should contain only handwritten text and hand drawn pictures.

If you aren't familiar with one-pagers, they are simply a combination of text and artwork to demonstrate what you have learned about a particular subject. Some possible things to include could be main characters, major plot points, setting, the theme or message of the book, important quotes from the book, etc. There are also some great examples online if you need ideas to get started.

All summer reading assignments are due Friday, August 9 and will count as a test grade. If you have any questions, please contact your English teacher. We look forward to seeing you in August!

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8th Grade Honors

ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Dear 8th Grade Honors Students,

I am really looking forward to our year together in Honors English class! As honors students, I am sure you will make reading a regular part of your summer activities; however, you will be required to complete an additional assignment. For your additional honors assignment, you will read an additional short story and respond to questions associated with it. You will find the assignment for your reading below.

8th Grade Honors Additional Assignment:

1. Read "Flowers for Algernon." A link to an online version of the text has been provided; copy and paste the URL into your internet browser. You do not need to print out the stories or annotate them.
2. Answer the questions associated with the story. Your questions should be in paragraph format, typed and printed. You do not need to rewrite the questions on your answer sheet, but you will need to label the set of questions with the story title.

Flowers for Algernon:

<https://www.sdfo.org/gj/stories/flowersforalgernon.pdf>

1. How would you characterize Charlie? What character traits would you use to describe him? Provide 2 pieces of text evidence to support your answer.

S - speech

T - thoughts

E - effect on others

A - actions

L - looks

2. What does Algernon symbolize for Charlie? Explain your thinking.

Symbolism - The author's use of an object to represent an idea

3. Describe one theme developed in the story. Provide one piece of text evidence to support.

Theme - The writer's message to the reader