

## Self-selected choice summer reading 8th-grade assignment

**DIRECTIONS:** Complete the following questions about **the ONE book** you selected to read. The book should be **one** you have not read before and is at a middle-school reading level or above. Complete the Word Workout chart.

Handwrite or type your thoughts. Handwritten responses must be in pen and legible. Make a copy of this Google doc, type your answers to these questions, then share the Google doc with Mrs. Haring at [kharing@kasd.org](mailto:kharing@kasd.org).

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(If you picked a fiction book to read this summer, please answer the following questions)

### Summer Reading **FICTION** assignment

Your Name:  
Book Title:  
Author:  
Genre:  
# of pages:

1. Why did you select this book to read?
2. Have you read any other books by this author? If yes, list the book titles.
3. Explain the title of the book. What is its significance?
4. Explain what surprised you about this book.
5. Explain which character you liked in this book and explain which character you disliked.
6. Summarize the book in at least six sentences. (include the conflict and how it is resolved)
7. Explain what you like *or* dislike about the book (this answer must contain different information than #5-character)
8. What did you learn about yourself *or* the world after reading this book?
9. Explain why *or* why you wouldn't recommend this book to your friends.

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(If you picked a **nonfiction** book to read this summer, please answer the following questions)

### Summer Reading **NONFICTION** assignment

Book Title:  
Author:  
# of pages:

1. Why did you select this book to read?
2. Have you read any other books about this topic? If yes, list the book titles.
3. Explain the title of the book. What is its significance?
4. What surprised you about this book?
5. Summarize the book in at least five sentences. (include the conflict and how it is resolved)
6. Explain what you like *or* dislike about the book.
7. What did you learn about yourself *or* the world after reading this book?
8. Explain why *or* why you wouldn't recommend this book to your friends.

Not sure what book to select? Check out the lists below:

**Mrs. Haring's  
recommendations**

1. *Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz
2. *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan
3. *Dreamland* by Sarah Dessen
4. *If You Are Reading This* by Trent Reedy
5. *Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros

**Mrs. Chester's  
recommendations**

1. *Lies You Never Told Me* by Jennifer Donaldson
2. *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo
3. *The Sun Is Also a Star* Nicola Yoon
4. *The Rains* by Gregg Hurwitz

**Mrs. Fricke's recommendations**

1. *Jackpot* by Nic Stone
2. *A Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds
3. *Miles Morales: Spiderman* by Jason Reynolds
4. *A Thousand Sisters* by Elizabeth Wein

**If you have any questions or concerns:** contact either Mrs. Haring  
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# WORD WORKOUT

Give your vocabulary a workout! Keep track of the BEST new words you learned from your summer read book this summer. Be sure to find at least TEN!

Word	Part of Speech	Definition
1.		
2.		
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**EXTRA:** Love words? Start a journal in which you write down all of your favorite words.