

2025 English 8 Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Incoming 8th Grader,

Practicing reading is *fundamental* to improving your reading—that is, the more you read, the better you get. **Therefore, each student entering 8th grade at the East Islip Middle School in September must read a fiction novel of their choice (excluding The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton), and complete the notes page in preparation for the fall semester.** In September, you will complete an in-class assignment based on your summer reading work.

This is an opportunity to choose books that interest you! You can find any appropriate books at the local library or using the Sora app on Classlink with your EI Public Library card barcode. There is no need to purchase the book you read. If you have any questions, please call the Director of Humanities (631) 224-2078.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mr. Fussa, Mrs. Monaghan, & Mrs. Voss

Your Tasks:

- Read at least **ONE fiction** novel of your choice (**excluding The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton**). *See the section below titled “Helpful Websites” to guide your decision.*
- Complete the [Fiction Summer Reading Notes Page](#).

Choosing a Book:

- Please do NOT select previously read works.
- Select titles that are on or above your reading level.
 - Utilize the “Choosing the Right Book” [PDF](#) to help you make your selection.
- Select novels that are school appropriate.

Helpful Websites for Selecting Books:

- **Good Reads:**
<https://www.goodreads.com/genres/young-adult>
- **Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers:**
<https://www.ala.org/yalsa/2023-quick-picks-reluctant-young-adult-readers>

Important Note: If you use the Sora app located on Classlink, you have to put in your East Islip Public Library card barcode.