



Bayonne Public Schools

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Summer Literacy Program: Building Bridges to Success Language Arts Assignment for Students Entering Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9

Directions: Below you will find the recommended assignment for students entering sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth grade in September. Please select and read any books of your choice, then select **three** activities from the choice board to complete. All assignments are due to your English Language Arts teacher no later than **September 10, 2026**.

- Up to **10 points** can be earned for completing the choice board and applied to an ELA test grade in trimester 1 (Gr. 6-8) and MP 1 (Gr. 9).
- Kindly note, that this information will be posted on the Bayonne Board of Education website, www.bboed.org.

Summer Reading Response Choice Board

<p style="text-align: center;">Point of View</p> <p>Write a letter to a friend from the point of view of the main character telling about the problem and solution in the story.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4 paragraph minimum)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Theme</p> <p>What is the theme, or central message, of the book the author is trying to convey? Write 2 or more paragraphs clearly stating the theme and support it with at least 4 pieces of text evidence to support your response.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alternate Ending</p> <p>What event might have changed how the story ended? Change at least <u>two</u> key events to write an alternate ending to the story.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(3 or more paragraphs)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Text-to-Self Connection</p> <p>What event or character can you best relate to from this story and why? Write 3 or more paragraphs explaining how you and the character are alike. Be sure to use text evidence from the story to support your connection and include your own personal connection.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Analysis</p> <p>Choose one character from the novel to write a character analysis essay. Your analysis should include a character introduction, 3 character traits with supporting text evidence, and a conclusion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4 paragraph minimum)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cartoon Narrative</p> <p>Create a cartoon narrative that retells the story in your own words. Be sure to include the main characters, setting, and important events from the beginning, middle & end.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Story Elements</p> <p>Create a <u>new</u> book cover for the book you read. Be sure to include the title, author, illustrator, and a picture showing the main character and setting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Compare & Contrast</p> <p>Choose 2 characters <u>or</u> 2 settings from your story and write a compare and contrast essay. Be sure to include text evidence to support your response.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(4 paragraph minimum)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Character Development</p> <p>Create a timeline that shows the events which lead to the main character's transformation.</p>

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