



8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Your summer reading assignment is to read one of the following books:

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Becoming Muhammad Ali by Kwame Alexander
We Were Liars by E. Lockhart
The Cruel Prince by Holly Black
The Selection by Kiera Cass
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

This assignment has two parts:

These assignments must be completed before the start of the school year.

Part 1:

Vocabulary:

- Choose 10 words from your reading that you do not know, or do not know well enough to teach.
- Create flashcards for each of those words with the word on one side of the card and the definition on the other side. (If you do not have access to index cards for flash cards, write the words and definitions on a piece of paper. **This assignment must be hand written.**)

Part 2:

Choose two of the following choice board assignments. ONE from the WRITING side and ONE from the CREATE side.

Writing

Write a short response to one of the following writing prompts.
Responses must be your own words and no less than 150 words. (Anything flagged as AI will result in a grade of zero.)

Pick one character and explain why you would/would not like to have him/her as a friend.

Your response should include the character's name and information about the character as a person. Be sure to use details in your explanation.

Look closely at the main character of the book. How does he or she change throughout the story?

Be sure to use examples from the text and note information about the character before and after they change. Be sure to use details in your explanation.

Create

What you create here should show pride and effort. Whenever possible use examples from the text. This will be hung up on display for all to see in the school, so please make it no smaller than 8 ½ X 11 and no larger than 8 ½ X 14.

Create a recipe for the main character. Use details that describe the character as they are described in the book. For example:

Teacher Sample Based on “The Hunger Games” by Suzanne Collins

This Recipe is for the book's main character.

A Recipe for Katniss

Ingredients:

2 cups of archery skills

1 cup of anger towards the Capital

¾ cup of survival skills

1 pint of loyalty towards family, friends and her district

1 tablespoon of uncertainty

1 teaspoon of frustration towards Haymitch Abernathy

½ cup of striking appearance

A pinch of medical ability gained from her mother

¼ cup of rebellion

2 cups of determination

One bowl of poisoned berries

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Mix archery, survival skills, determination and striking appearance into a cornucopia before the games. Add mixture to saucepan with rebellion, determination and loyalty and bring to a boil. Let it simmer on the stovetop for 30 minutes and stir occasionally. Finally add rebellion, frustration towards Haymitch Abernathy, a tablespoon of uncertainty and the whole cup of anger towards the capital. Pour into a baking pan and put in the oven for one day. When the dish is crusted over on top it is done. Sprinkle it with a pinch of medical ability gained from her mother. Finally, take a look at the berries and throw them away. Want to taste this recipe? Read “The Hunger Games”. You will find it most satisfying!

Create a travel brochure/poster for the setting of your book.

Your project should:

Be colorful, related to the setting of the book, contain information about the place that would make someone want to visit, and include at least one direct quote from your book.

<p>Make a connection to something in this story. It can be text to self, text to text, or text to the world.</p> <p>Explain the connection using examples from the text. Be sure to use details in your explanation.</p>	<p>Choose a detailed scene or chapter from the book and draw it.</p> <p>Your drawing should include various parts. Include at least 4 quotes from the text to show where your images were inspired.</p>
<p>Select a quote from your reading that you liked. What made you pick it? How does it make you pause and think?</p> <p>Be sure to include details from the text in your response.</p>	<p>Create a song playlist that connects to the story in your book.</p> <p>You will need at least <u>5 songs</u>. You will also need textual evidence and a brief explanation telling why that song connects to the book.</p>

Your Summer Reading assignment must be turned in by Friday, September 11. Late assignments will not be accepted. Remember this is the first grade that you will receive in ELA, so make sure you do your best and have fun with it!

Happy reading!
