

Summer Reading
Extra Credit
For Incoming 8th
Graders



If you enjoy reading an inviting book under a tree during a steamy summer day and you also prefer starting the school year with EXTRA CREDIT, then this is for you!

After reading a book(s) from the summer reading list, complete the following assignment:

On one sheet of paper, respond to the following prompts:

- 1) Book title and author.
- 2) State the main character and list 3 character traits describing this character.
- 3) Explain the theme of the book? (What is the life lesson?)

Also: Complete ONE of the following:

1.) Write a Letter to the Author. After reading your book, compose a letter to the author. In your letter, describe your reaction to the book. (Hint: Describe *WHY* you like a certain scene or chapter. Offer a suggestion to the author for a possible change in the book or a suggestion for a sequel. Or, ask the author that nagging question that must be answered.)

OR

2.) In the News! After finishing your book, create the front page of a newspaper or web site that tells about events and characters in the book you just read. The newspaper page might include weather reports (consistent with the setting), an editorial or editorial cartoon, ads, etc. The title of the newspaper/site should be related to the book. Also, include the climax of the book as your lead (most important) story. *Be creative, have fun and enjoy!*

Reports are due to your 8th grade ELA teacher any time during the first week of school. Each student completing a report will earn extra credit towards his/her final first-quarter ELA average.

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in September!

Iroquois Middle School
Grade 8 Suggested Summer Reading

Fiction

Bauer, Joan	<i>Peeled</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Fahrenheit 451*</i>
Brown, Daniel James	<i>Boys in the Boat</i>
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Code Talker</i>
Cormier, Robert	<i>The Chocolate War*</i>
Fleischman, Paul	<i>Whirligig</i>
Gansworth, Eric	<i>If I Ever Get Out of Here</i>
Gantos, Jack	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i>
Gerber, Alyson	<i>Focused</i>
Gleeson, Colleen	<i>The Clockwork Scarab</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Prisoner B-3087</i>
Hiranandani, Veera	<i>The Night Diary</i>
Kelly, Erin Entrada	<i>Lalani of the Distant Sea</i>
Kelly, Lynne	<i>Song for a Whale</i>
Koja, Kathe	<i>Buddha Boy</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird*</i>
London, Jack	<i>White Fang</i>
Morpurgo, Michael	<i>Private Peaceful</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Invasion</i>
Palacio, R. J.	<i>White Bird</i>
Peck, Richard	<i>The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Acts</i>
Ramee, Lisa Moore	<i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i>
Reynolds, Jason	<i>Look Both Ways</i>
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>
Schmidt, Gary D.	<i>Orbiting Jupiter</i>
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>
Sonnenblick, Jordan	<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Milkweed</i>
Tolkein, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Wolk, Lauren	<i>Echo Mountain</i>
Wulfsson, Don	<i>Soldier X</i>

Fiction Series

Any book from the following series:

Collins, Suzanne	<i>Hunger Games series</i>
Grant, Michael	<i>Gone series</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Missing series</i>
Meyer, Marissa	<i>The Lunar Chronicles</i>
Mull, Brandon	<i>Beyonders series</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Maximum Ride series</i>
Roth, Veronica	<i>Divergent series</i>
Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Midnighters series</i>

Biographies and Nonfiction

Krakauer, John	<i>Into the Wild*</i>
Hamilton, Bethany	<i>Soul Surfer</i>
Hoose, Phillip	<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*</i>
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Guts</i>
Taylor, Theodore	<i>Air-Raid--Pearl Harbor!</i>
Walls, Jeannette	<i>The Glass Castle: A Memoir*</i>
Warren, Andrea	<i>Surviving Hitler: a boy in the Nazi death camps</i>
Wiesel, Elie	<i>Night*</i>
Yousafzai, Malala	<i>I Am Malala</i>

*Challenging Books