

Grade 8 Summer Reading Assignment

This summer, choose any fiction book of interest to you that you have not read and that is at your appropriate reading level.

1. Choose THREE (3) quotes, sentences, or passages that are significant, powerful, thought-provoking or puzzling to you and write them on the attached page. Be sure to include the page number. You should choose one quote from the beginning of the book, one from the middle, and one from the end.

The quotes you choose may do the following:

- Relate to the character's challenges, struggles, hardships, joys, or memories.
- Remind you of something.
- Make you think, question, or realize something.
- Address a change in the character, setting, or plot that is out of the ordinary.
- Stand out as powerful to you about the character, setting, plot, or theme.

2. Write TWO journal reactions/responses as they relate to the quotes. Each journal entry should be a minimum of one and a half pages typed (MLA format). The third journal response about one of your chosen quotes will be written when you return to school. You can do any of the following for your journal responses, you can choose your own ideas, or you can do a combination of any ideas below:

- Question/Predict: While you read, ask questions about the character or try to predict actions of the character based on the quote. (This can be adjusted for plot, setting, and theme as well.)
- Connect: Relate to personal experiences. Relate to life, self, or others. Compare and/or contrast.
- Analyze/Evaluate: Analyze the quote. Form opinions and develop your own judgments about the character and your own ideas about events taking place at this point in the novel. What is the author trying to say about the character, setting, theme, or plot events?
- Interpret: Determine the meaning of what you've read, and relate it to the character's traits, personality, or values. Determine the author's style as it applies to theme, mood, syntax, diction, and figurative language.
- Reflect: What does the quote say about all people and humanity? What does it say about the other characters in the book?

- Interact: Argue with or speak to the character.

This type of writing allows for 1st person pronouns (I, me, my, mine). You should be honest in your thoughts and in your writing. I will be looking to “hear your voice” through your words.

Bring your book and journal responses on the first day of school. We will be working with the content of your responses, which ultimately will be graded.

Should you have any questions over the summer, please email me at tmongon@btrvs.org. I always appreciate all questions! If you would like me to take a quick look at your first journal response to make sure you are on track, I would be happy to do so.

Have a great summer, and I look forward to our time together next year!

Thank you,
Mrs. Mongon

Quote 1:

Quote 2:

Quote 3: