

OPTIONAL English Summer Assignment

Completion of this assignment will result in a reward during the semester you have your English class.

1. Read selected book

(must be approved by current English teacher in order to ensure appropriate reading level and challenge). As a guideline, your book should be approximately 150 pages.

2. Complete a reading journal

For approximately each fifteen pages you read, write a paragraph (at least five sentences, well-developed with good thought) in reaction to what you read. Your completed journal should contain ten to twelve paragraphs. To react to reading means you tell what you thought about it. Do not merely summarize the plot. **Be sure to provide a specific detail in your paragraph, including two entries with specific quotes and in-text citations (the page number and author's last name in parenthesis at the end of the sentence).** You can use the following sentence starters to help inspire you about what to say:

- * I liked it when...
- * I did not like it when...
- * I thought _____ was fair because...
- * I thought _____ was unfair because...
- * I was confused when...
- * I was glad when...
- * I was saddened when...
- * I wonder why...
- * I was surprised by...

(You can also come up with your own ways of starting. The items above are suggestions.)

Title of Selected Book: _____

Author: _____

Approved by: _____ (teacher signature)

Approved by: _____ (parent/guardian signature)

Turn this form in along with your summer assignment on the first day of school.