

WEST SENECA EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Summer Reading Grade 8

Welcome to English 8! The following is your summer reading assignment whether you are on the Green or Gold team for the 2019-2020 school year. We are asking that you **read one book from the following list and complete the attached questions to go with your book.** These can either be typed or handwritten. You may also type your answers in Google Drive and share with your teacher once we return to school. Your written responses will be due **Friday, September 13th** during your English 8 class. Have a wonderful summer!

Novel List (choose at least one to complete this summer):

**If you have already read the first novel in a series listed below you are welcome to read the next novel in the series instead.*

Realistic Fiction

Tangerine by Edward Bloor
The Big Game by Tim Green
The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
Royals by Rachel Hawkins
That Was Then, This is Now by S.E. Hinton
Heat by Mike Lupica
The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight by Jennifer E. Smith
Peak by Roland Smith

Historical Fiction/Narrative Nonfiction

The Boy In The Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers
The President Has Been Shot by James L. Swanson
Someone Named Eva by Joan M. Wolf

Science Fiction/Dystopian Literature

The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau
Turnabout by Margaret Peterson Haddix
I Am Number Four by Pittacus Lore
Unwind by Neal Shusterman
Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Pivot Point by Kasie West

Fantasy

Rebel Belle by Rachel Hawkins
Eragon by Christopher Paolini
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan
Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater

OVERVIEW: Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, using your knowledge of English Language Arts and the book you read. *You may either type or handwrite your answers on a **separate sheet of paper**. You may also complete this assignment in Google Drive and share it with your teacher once we return to school.*

Directions: Answer all of the following questions in relation to your book. Be sure to write your answers using complete sentences and specific examples from the book. Finally, be sure to answer ALL parts of each question.

1. Describe the **setting** of your novel. Where and when does the overall story take place? Is the setting extremely important to your book? Why or why not?
2. Give a **characterization** of your main character. Make sure to identify who your main character is, and list and explain at least two traits for this character. (If you have two or more main characters, you may choose any two and discuss one character trait for each.)
3. What are some of the main issues or problems the main character(s) faces? How does he/she/they attempt to deal with these issues? Are these personal problems, or problems the whole society shares? Explain.
4. Choose either a positive or negative **secondary character** in your main character's life. What is the relationship between your main character and this character? What makes them play a positive or negative role in the main character's life? Explain.
5. Discuss how the **major conflict** in your book is resolved. How does your main character change or grow in some way by the end of your book? Explain.
6. What is a possible **theme** for this novel? (*Remember, theme is the universal message of a novel). What details from the novel help to show this theme?
7. What is the genre of your novel? Explain why your book fits in this genre.

Directions: Choose any **ONE** of the following questions to answer. Remember to use complete sentences and specific examples from the book, and to answer **ALL** parts of the question.

8. What did you enjoy about this novel? What would you have done differently if you were the writer? Explain.
9. If you could have a conversation with one character from the novel who would it be? Why? What would you discuss with him or her? Explain.
10. What is the meaning of the title? How does the title of your book relate to the story?