

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 2023-2024 school year. We are asking that you **read one book from the following list (OR any book that is appropriate for YOUR independent reading level)** and complete the attached questions to go with your book. These answers can be either typed or handwritten. You may type your answers in Google Drive and share with your teacher once we return to school. Your written responses will be due **Friday, September 22nd** during your English 8 class. Have a wonderful summer!*

Suggested Novels: (Choose at least one from the list below **OR** choose your own book that is appropriate for your independent reading level).

**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
Five Feet Apart by Rachel Lippincott
Heat by Mike Lupica
Peak (series of 4) by Roland Smith
Love and Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch

Historical Fiction/Narrative Nonfiction

Project 1065 by Alan Gratz
Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Sunrise Over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers
A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen
The President Has Been Shot by James L. Swanson

Science Fiction/Dystopian Literature

The Testing (series of 3) by Joelle Charbonneau
The Hunger Games (series of 3) by Suzanne Collins
The Maze Runner (series of 5) by James Dashner
Divergent (series of 3) by Veronica Roth
Lockdown (series of 5) by Alexander Gordon Smith

Fantasy

Rebel Belle (series of 3) by Rachel Hawkins
Eragon (series of 4) by Christopher Paolini
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard (series of 4) by Rick Riordan
Shiver (series of 4) by Maggie Stiefvater

DIRECTIONS: Based on the novel you read, you will complete a total of **FOUR short paragraph responses (around 4-5 sentences each)** that will count as a grade for the first quarter.

Category 1: Choose **TWO** of the following questions to answer based on your book. Be sure to write each answer using complete sentences, specific examples/details/quotes from the book, and remember 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? Explain.
2. Give a **characterization** (description of the personality) 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 conflicts** (problems/issues) that the main character(s) faces? How does he/she/they attempt to deal with these issues? Explain.

Category 2: Choose **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.

4. Discuss the **resolution** (how the book draws to a close at the end) of your book. How does your main character change or grow in some way by the end of your book based on how the major conflict is resolved? Explain.
5. What is a possible **theme** for this novel? (*Remember, a theme is a universal message of a book, something you believe the author wants you to learn or think about). What details from the novel help to show this theme? Explain.
6. What is the **genre** of your novel? Explain why your book fits in this genre using specific details from the novel.

Category 3: Choose **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.

7. What was the best part of this book? Explain with details. What was the worst part of this book? Explain using specific details.
8. 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.
9. Illustrate a book cover design that is different from the original cover design. Write a short paragraph explaining your new design.