

Summer Reading

Rising 8th grader students are required to read 3 books from the following list and choose one project from the list to complete when the book is read.

The Hobbit – J.R. Tolkien

Voices From the Civil War – Milton Meltzer

Jacob Have I Loved – Catherine Patterson

Dragonwings – Lawrence Yep

A Day No Pigs Would Die – Robert Newton Peck

The Three Musketeers – Alexander Dumas

Animal Farm – George Orwell

The Time Machine – H. G. Wells

For each book, students should complete one of the following activities. The assignment should be different for each book.

1. Write a letter to the main character of the book. Use the proper letter form. It must be at least one complete page, typed, double spaced, 12pt. font. The letter must address an event that happened in the book.

2. Write a diary as the main character would write to explain the events in the story. Must have at least four, ½ page entries, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font.

3. Describe the problem or conflict existing for the main character. Explain how the problem was or was not resolved. Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font.

4. Make a collage representing an event or part of your book. Must be ½ piece of poster board, completely covered with pictures or words. A paragraph explaining the collage must also be included.

5. Write a poem about your book. Must be at least four verses. No acrostic poems.

6. Imagine that you are the author of the book you just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer convincing him to make your book into a movie. Explain why the story, conflicts, characters etc... would make a good book. Suggest a filming location. Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font.

7. Write a complete description of one of the characters in your book. Include a physical description, personality description and emotional description. Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced, 12pt. font. Draw a portrait to accompany the description.

8. Write a different ending for the book. Must be one page, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font.

9. Compare and contrast two characters in the book. Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced, 12pt. font.

10. Write about the life of one of the characters, twenty years from now. Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced 12.point font.

*11. Pretend that you can spend a day with one of the characters. Which character would you choose? Why? What would you do?
Must be at least one page, typed, double spaced, 12 pt. font.*