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## 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

**Directions:** All rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are expected to read one book this summer- one fiction **OR** one nonfiction. Students can choose books from this list (<https://fcps.blackboard.com/bbcswbdav/orgs/ORG-FR-0-MSLA-1314-OTHER/Reading/mobile.html?target=blank>) or a book of their own choosing.

For whichever genre you choose to read, complete **one** of the corresponding assignments below. This will count as a first quarter homework grade and will be due no later than September 15, 2017.

Your English teachers are expecting you to use your best writing, including correct grammar. You will be assessed on how thoroughly you answer the questions and on grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Use the No Excuse checklist on the back to help you.

### **Fiction (choose one):**

<b>Reading Response</b>		<b>Formal Letter</b>
Write at least a two-paragraph response to your book. Be sure your response answers ALL of the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Choose 2 adjectives (descriptive words) for this book and explain why you chose them.</li><li>• What was the author's message (theme)? Provide evidence from the book to support your answer.</li><li>• Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?</li><li>• Write a brief summary (5-7 sentences) of your book.</li></ul>	<b>OR</b>	Write a formal letter to the author of your book. Be sure to tell him/her ALL of the following in your letter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three things about the book that you enjoyed.</li><li>• Who your favorite character was. Explain why.</li><li>• A suggestion of what could happen in the first chapter of the sequel to this book.</li></ul>

### **Nonfiction (choose one):**

<b>Author's Purpose:</b>		<b>Formal Letter:</b>
Write a 5-8 sentence paragraph that includes the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What is the author's purpose in writing this book? (Choose from: to entertain, to persuade, or to inform.)</li><li>• Who is the intended audience for this book? Explain your answer</li><li>• Explain three things you learned while reading this book.</li></ul>	<b>OR</b>	Write a formal letter to the author of your book. Tell him/her: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three things about the book that you enjoyed</li><li>• Two facts that you learned</li><li>• Whether you would recommend this book to a friend. Explain why.</li></ul>

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# Rubric

- Please refer to the rubric below for further clarification of how your assignment will be assessed.
- Please attach this Rubric to the front of your assignment before handing your assignment in (no later than September 15, 2017).
- This assignment will count as a homework grade.

	<b>9-10</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>0-2</b>
<b>Quality of response</b>	Reading response is very clear and thorough.	Reading response is clear and thorough	Reading response is <b>somewhat</b> clear and thorough	Reading response has <b>little</b> clarity and thoroughness
<b>Assignment Completion</b>	<b>All</b> of the assignment is completed	<b>Most</b> of the assignment is completed	<b>Some</b> of the assignment is completed	<b>Little</b> of the assignment is completed
<b>Spelling and Grammar</b>	Fewer than 5 spelling and/or grammatical errors	5-7 spelling and/or grammatical errors	8-10 spelling and/or grammatical errors	More than 10 spelling and/or grammatical errors
<b>Neatness and legibility</b>	Assignment is typed and includes name, date, and assignment title	Assignment is neatly written and includes name, date, and assignment title	Assignment is difficult to read and has many items scratched out	Paper is torn and/or wrinkled with many items scratched out
<b>Comments:</b>				<b>/40</b>

## NO EXCUSE CHECKLIST

What do I need to include *to organize* my paragraph or essay?



- \_\_\_ Indent
- \_\_\_ Topic sentence, Lead
- \_\_\_ Supporting details – reasons, examples, facts
- \_\_\_ Concluding sentence
- \_\_\_ Capitalize: First word of a sentence, “I”, proper nouns
- \_\_\_ All sentences have end punctuation ( . ? ! )
- \_\_\_ Complete sentences – subject + verb, complete thought

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