

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

STUDENTS ENTERING 8TH GRADE

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INSTRUCTIONS

Choose two of the books from the attached list. Prepare a book report on each that includes the following. Prepare a book report on each includes the following:

- A. Title**
- B. Author**
- C. Genre**
- D. Setting (time and place)**
- E. Summary**
- F. Theme or themes**
- G. Recommendation or opinion**

Your book reports are due the first week of school in September. They should be typed.

Choose books that are of interest to you and enjoy your reading.



SEVENTH GRADE ENTERING EIGHTH GRADE

***The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak** Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose *book*-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

***The Case Against My Brother* - Libby Sternberg** Brother taking care of brother, but in this case the roles reverse as the plot unfolds when Carl, the fifteen-year old, takes on the chore of looking after his seventeen-year old brother, Adam

***Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want To Know About Fast Food* - Eric Schlosser** A behind-the-scenes look at the fast food industry.

***Code Talker* - Joseph Bruchac** After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. ALA Notable Children's Books

***Confessions of a closet Catholic* - Sarah Littman** To be more like her best friend, eleven-year-old Justine decides to give up Judaism to become Catholic, but after her beloved, religious grandmother dies, she realizes that she needs to seek her own way of being Jewish.

***Down The Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery* - Jordan Sonnenblick** Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her home town of Echo Falls.

***Drums, Girls, & Dangerous Pie* - Jordan Sonnenblick** When his younger brother is diagnosed with leukemia, thirteen-year-old Steven tries to deal with his complicated emotions, his school life, and his desire to support his family.

***Hitler Youth: Growing Up In Hitler's Shadow* - Susan Campbell Bartoletti** Explores the various factors which led many of Germany's young people to pledge their loyalty and support to the dictator and join the Hitler Youth during his rise to power.

***Kids At Work: Lewis Hine And The Crusade Against Child Labor* - Russell Freedman** Briefly traces the life of Lewis Hine, school teacher and photographer, and explains how he became involved in documenting child labor conditions.

***Kiss My Math: Showing Pre-Algebra Who's Boss* - Danica McKellar** Presents a pre-algebra primer for seventh- to ninth-graders, in a reference that shares time-saving tricks, real-world examples, and detailed practice problems.

***Niner* - Theresa Martin Golding** When twelve-year-old Macey discovers a locket on her front steps, she begins a journey to find out about who she really is and why her adoptive mother has been gone for almost a year.

***Race: A History Beyond Black And White* - Marc Aronson** Race. You know it at a glance: he's black; she's white. They're Asian; we're Latino. Racism. I'm better; she's worse. Those people do those kinds of things. We all know it's wrong to make these judgments, but they come faster than thought. Why? Where did those feelings come from? Why are they so powerful?

***The Lighthouse Land* - Adrian McKinty** Thirteen-year-old Jamie is overjoyed when a bequest sends him and his mother to live on an Irish island, where he and his newfound friend Ramsay travel back in time to help a young girl save her people from certain death.