

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING & WRITING ASSIGNMENT

### Standard

Dear Rising Eighth Grader,

May 6, 2019

We hope that you have a wonderful summer and come back ready to begin the eighth grade rested and excited to start the last year of middle school. Eighth grade is a key year because the habits you establish will go with you into high school. As preparation for next year, you need to continue to read over the summer.

#### **REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT:**

- Read **one narrative** (tells a story) **fiction OR nonfiction** book
- **Write a ONE PAGE RESPONSE, doing ALL of the following:**
  1. Write your impressions and opinions of the novel.
  2. Identify and discuss the main conflict in the novel.
  3. Identify and discuss a theme of the novel.
- **Your response *must be typed* using the following format:** double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman, and a heading at top **left** of page:
  - Your Name
  - Date
  - Summer Assignment
- **Title your response using the novel title and author.**
- **Do not summarize. Mechanics, usage, and grammar are graded.**
- **DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: August 26, 2019**
- **You may also share it with your Language Arts teacher.**

We encourage you to read books within 100 points higher or lower than your Lexile score, but this is not a requirement. To search for novels of interest to you, try the public library. Librarians LOVE to help! Also, try the advanced search at: [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com). To check the Lexile level of a novel, use this web site: <http://www.lexile.com/findabook/>.

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## Summer Assignment Rubric: Standard

**Following Directions** 5                      4.5                      4                      3.5      3 x (6) = \_\_\_\_\_

- Book chosen is a narrative relating to human rights. \_\_\_\_\_
- Assignment is typed. \_\_\_\_\_
- Length is one page, give or take a few lines. \_\_\_\_\_
- Follows formatting guidelines:
  - Times New Roman \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12 pt. font \_\_\_\_\_
  - Double-spaced (this means lines, not paragraphs) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Heading at top left of page \_\_\_\_\_
  - Indent new paragraphs \_\_\_\_\_
- Titled (in same size and font) using:
  - Title (Italicized, not underlined or in quotations) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Author \_\_\_\_\_
- Grammar, usage, and mechanics are correct, including but not limited to:
  - Spelling \_\_\_\_\_
  - Capitalization \_\_\_\_\_
  - Punctuation \_\_\_\_\_

**Response**                      10                      9                      8                      7                      6                      5 x (7) = \_\_\_\_\_

- Response is clearly written (makes sense):
  - Paragraph transitions are present \_\_\_\_\_
  - Grammatical errors do not take away from understanding \_\_\_\_\_
  - Stays on topic \_\_\_\_\_
- Fully responds to all three prompts:
  - Impressions and opinions \_\_\_\_\_
  - Conflict \_\_\_\_\_
  - Theme \_\_\_\_\_
- **Does not summarize the text** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_/100%**

\*\*Please come see me if you would like additional feedback.