

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING & WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Honors

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, continue to read over the summer. The following is your **required summer assignment**:

- Read **one narrative** (tells a story) **fiction OR non-fiction** book.
- Write a ***two-page response***, answering the following prompts and using ***specific details*** from the novel to ***explain and support*** your response:
 1. What are your reactions to and opinions of the novel?
 2. What is the main conflict of the novel?
 3. What is a major theme in the novel?
 4. What is the most important word, sentence, or passage in the novel?
 5. What connections are there between the novel and your own life?
- 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. Grammar, usage, and mechanics 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**. You can find books by asking the librarians at your local library. You can also use the advanced search page on **www.arbookfind.com**. Check the Lexile level of books at: **www.lexile.com/findabook/**.

If you have any questions, please email marisa.barbaza@dpsnc.net or paige.prather@dpsnc.net

Summer Assignment Rubric: Honors

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 two pages, give or take a few lines. _____
- Follows formatting guidelines:
 - Times New Roman _____
 - 12 pt. font _____
 - Double-spaced (this means lines, not paragraphs) _____
 - New paragraphs are indented _____
 - Heading at top left of page _____
- Titled (in same size 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 5x (7) = _____

- Response is clearly written (makes sense):
 - Paragraph transitions are present _____
 - Grammatical errors do not take away from understanding _____
 - Stays on topic _____
- Specific details from the text are used to explain and support response. _____
- Clearly discusses the narrative, **fully responding** to all five prompts:
 - Reactions and opinions _____
 - Conflict _____
 - Theme _____
 - Most important word, sentence, or passage _____
 - Connections _____
 - **Does not summarize text** _____

▪ **TOTAL = _____/100%**

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