

**5th-8th Summer Reading Assignments**

**Due August 28, 2023 (first day of school)**

**Be sure to follow the instructions for the novel you have chosen.**

**All assignments are different and created for each novel separately!**

**Incoming 5th grade**

*You are more than welcome to read as many of these books as you can and are allowed, HOWEVER, only ONE assignment is due on the first day of school.*

*Choice of 1*

**Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas**

**Assignment:**

Recognize who, in your opinion, was Bree's biggest "cheerleader". In your own handwriting write at least three sentences that explain your answer.

OR

**Wonder by R.J.Palaccio**

**Assignment:**

**Make a list of at least three main events of the story on lined paper.  
Write one sentence about each; complete it in your own handwriting.**

**Incoming 6th grade**

***You are more than welcome to read as many of these books as you can and are allowed, HOWEVER, only ONE assignment is due on the first day of school.***

***Choice of 1***

**Front Desk by Kelly Yang**

**Assignment:**

**Demonstrate your understanding of the main idea of this book by writing 3-5 sentences in your own handwriting.**

**OR**

**The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson**

**Assignment:**

**Explain why two of the main characters acted the way they did in 3-5 sentences written in your own handwriting.**

**Stargazing by Jen Wang**

Interpret Moon and Christine's friendship by writing. In your own handwriting, write 3-5 sentences that show whether they are true friends or not. Use evidence from the text.

**Incoming 7th grade**

*You are more than welcome to read as many of these books as you can and are allowed, HOWEVER, only TWO assignments (one mandatory and one choice) are due on the first day of school.*

**MANDATORY BOOK TO READ- CHOOSE ONE:**

**The Woman in the Trees by Theoloni Bell**

**OR**

**Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's 12- Step Guide to Genuine Self-**

**Esteem by Fr. J. Augustine Wetta, OSB**

**Assignment:**

Select one piece of the book, write it down on lined paper (in your own handwriting), cite the page, then write a minimum of five sentences about why you selected this piece of text.

**AND**

***Choice of 1 below:***

**Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo**

**Synthesize information gleaned from the novel and this article "Child Labor Is On the Rise" Write a 5- sentence minimum paragraph, in your own handwriting, about information that compares and contrasts child labor.**

**OR**

**Insignificant Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling**

**Assignment:**

**Research what music would best help the "support group members" by writing, in your own handwriting, a minimum of 3-4 sentences, being sure to properly cite your sources. Then, in two more sentences distinguish which of the characters would react the best to this treatment and why.**

**OR**

**The Finest Hours (young readers edition) by Michael J. Tougias &**

**Casey Sherman**

**Select a character from the novel, and justify why you believe he was the bravest of all the men. In a 5 sentence paragraph, written in your own handwriting, be sure to include two sentences of direct quotation as evidence from the novel that supports your opinion.**

**OR**

**The Length of a String by Elissa Brent Weismann**

**Assignment:**

**Compare and contrast the main character with another character from a book or movie of your choice. Write, in your own handwriting, 5-7 sentences in MLA format explaining the similarities and differences.**

**OR**

**Pashmina by Nidhi Channani**

**Assignment:**

**Distinguish between the illustrator's creation of images in color and those in black and white.**

**Write 5 sentences in your own handwriting that go in depth to the meaning that these illustrations added or detracted to the story.**

**Incoming 8th grade**

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**MANDATORY BOOK:**

**Carlo Acutis: The First Millenial Saint by Nicola Gori**

**Assignment:**

**Select one piece of the book, write it down on lined paper in your own handwriting, cite the page, then write a minimum of 5 sentences about why you selected this piece of text.**

**AND**

***Choose 1 below:***

**Outcasts United- young reader edition by Warren St. John**

**Assignment:**

**Evaluate the pledges the boys had to make. Write 5 sentences, in your own handwriting, evaluating at least 3 pledges and your interpretation of fairness or unfairness. Be sure to explain.**

**OR**

**Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga**

**Assignment:**

**Select one part of the text that you felt strongly about. Write it out in your own handwriting, along with proper parenthetical citations, then analyze in 5-7 sentences how you feel that piece of text was integral to the plot. This should be all in MLA format.**

**OR**

**Peak by Roland Smith**

**Assignment:**

**Predict what other outcomes could have come from this novel. In your own handwriting, write in MLA format a 5-7 sentence paragraph explaining your prediction.**

**OR**

**MARCH- Book 1 by Lewis, Aydin, and Powell**

**Assignment:**

**Create a timeline of 5-7 events by writing and designing on non-lined paper. Write the MLA heading on the back.**