

8th Grade Summer Reading Projects

Required Reading: AR test will be taken on Friday, August 16, 2019.
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

Choose two books from the following list to complete your summer AR Tests. Out of the two books that you choose to test, select one to complete your summer project.

Shooting Kabul by N.H. Senzai Youth Literature Award Winner
Hatchet by Fary Paulsen
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee Pulitzer Prize Winner

Directions: Students must AR test on three books from the summer reading list - the required reading book that will be tested on Friday, August 16th, the book that is used for their project, and one other book from the list.

You may choose any of the above summer readers to complete the project of your choice. You may **not** choose the required summer reading book, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, because we will be working with that book as a class the first week of school. Have a great summer and happy reading!

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Critique the novel of your choice.

You are asked to critically analyze and to evaluate the quality of the literary piece. Do understand that you are **NOT** asked to summarize the text but to discuss or argue whether the novel is worth reading and why. Your writing should include the following: 1. the book's thesis and/or major argument 2. the book's style and 3. your comments/arguments and evidence (for or against).

Introduction: Include basic information of the book: title, author's name, topic, key ideas of the novel. Additionally, include the purpose of the essay and your reaction to the novel. It is perfectly fine if the novel did **NOT** appeal to you; thus, you may write that the novel is not worth reading and then present your evidence in the body.

Certainly, if the novel is to your liking, then you will discuss the pros in the body.

Body: (three paragraphs) - In each paragraph of the body, you will need to discuss a weakness or a strength of the novel and provide evidence to support your argument.

Additionally, you may offer some improvements for the novel, or how the novel could have been written differently.

Conclusion: This is where you will be asked to briefly summarize the literary piece as well as offer your recommendations on the book. Do you agree with the novel's contents? What is your overall opinion of the novel? Do you recommend it?

FORMAT: between a page and a page in a half, twelve-size font, five paragraphs (indent each), typed double-spaced