

St. Mary's Middle School
Summer Reading Program
Assignments and Grading Guidelines

Assignments:

- A. Select three novels from the attached list and READ THEM! Keep a reading log for each book on the attached Reading Log form.
- B. You do not need to do a project for each novel. Pick one of the three novels and choose a project from the following list to do for that book only. Only quality work will be accepted for a grade.
1. Create and label a time line with no less than 5 events, but no more than 10 events from the book. Use poster board or long paper to draw your time line. Arrange the events in chronological order (first to last) using some kind of reference (dates, seasons, age, etc.) Timeline must include text describing the events at that point in the timeline in complete sentences. At least three of the events on the timeline must be illustrated and colored.
 2. Make a poster board advertisement of your book. You must create an appealing poster so someone will want to read the novel. Include the title, author, one or more illustrations, and a brief description of the novel. Your illustrations should depict characters or scenes from the book. Use a Sharpie marker for the text and colored pencils, crayons or markers for the illustrations.
 3. Write a plot for a sequel to the novel. The plot must include time and place, a description of important characters including their roles in the plot, and a description of what would take place in your sequel. The plot should be at least two pages typed, type must be no larger than 12 font, and the margins must be no larger than 1 inch wide.
 4. Create a series of trading cards using characters or places in the novel. Draw a picture of each character/place on separate cards. On the back of the card write important information about the character/place: name, age, purpose in the novel, relationship to other characters, what happens to the character, what happens in that scene, why that scene is important, etc.

Each trading card must be colored with colored pencils or markers. There must be a minimum of 5 trading cards.

- C. After you have completed reading the three novels, filling out the reading log, and completing one project, you and a parent must fill-out and sign the attached Summer Reading Verification form.

Grading Guidelines:

Upon completion of these assignments, you will receive a grade that will be averaged into your 1st Quarter literature grade.

To earn an A: turn in a completed reading log, verification form signed by a parent, and a quality completed project that meets all of the above criteria.

To earn a B: turn in a reading log, signed verification form and a decent project that meets most of the above criteria.

To earn a C: turn in a signed verification form and a complete project that meets some of the above criteria.

To earn a D: turn in a signed verification form and an incomplete project that meets little of the above criteria.

To earn an F: turn in nothing