

Summer Reading for Incoming 8th Graders

Directions: In order to keep your English Language Arts skills sharp over the summer months, you are asked to read two (2) novels.

After reading each book, complete two (2) options from Choice Board A and one (1) option from Choice Board B. You will have to turn in three (3) total assignments per novel. All written work needs to be typed, double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.

Required Reading List: Choose two (2) of the following books below

Monster, by Walter Dean Meyers

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie

Shadow Children, by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Hate U Give, by Angie Thomas

Choice Board A – Choose 2 for each book you read.

Draw a map of the setting	Write a short story about what the character(s) would be doing one year later.	Imagine you could interview the protagonist. Write ten (10) questions you would ask, and then answer them from the protagonist's point of view.
Write a letter to the author. (One page minimum)	Write a book review. Remember to include a few sentences about why you liked or disliked it. (Read example reviews online as a guide)	Describe a lesson that you learned from reading this novel. (Two page minimum)

Choice Board B – Choose 1 for each book you read.

Choose one character that you think you would be friends with and explain why. (Two page minimum)	Choose one setting from the novel and explain its significance to the story as a whole. (Two page minimum)
Relate an event or situation from the novel to a personal experience. How were they similar? Different? (Two page minimum)	What is the novel's central idea or message? Explain your thinking using direct examples from the novel. (Two page minimum)

