

VALE SUMMER READING 7TH AND 8TH GRADE ADVANCED ELA



Dear Students:

Your teachers are looking forward to meeting you. Come prepared to think, to work hard, and to have fun. All students can participate in summer reading!

****This summer you must read a fiction novel appropriate for your grade level. ****

It is the expectation that students enrolled in ELA Advanced courses read the self-selected novel (fiction) prior to school starting. Teachers will expect students to be prepared to discuss and write about the novel. They are expected to bring a copy of the book with them to class for the first few weeks of school (e-books are acceptable). We hold our Advanced students to a high standard and expect the best from them.

In addition, literary elements will be discussed and analyzed in class. Having the novel read prior to the first week of school allows all ELA Advanced students to have a common ground to discuss and analyze.

* Students not enrolled in a Advanced class have the option to participate in summer reading. Teachers can offer extra credit for this.

Book Selection

You are encouraged to select a book that interests you. You may NOT select a book that was taught in your previous ELA classes, although sequels are perfectly acceptable. You may NOT choose a graphic novel or a manga book.

Below is a list of suggested authors and popular novel lists you can refer to for suggestions. You can also ask family members, friends, and teachers to suggest novels you might like to read.

A Few Suggested Authors	Popular Novel Lists
Jason Reynolds Marissa Meyer Alan Gratz Jenny Han Nikki Grimes Tomi Adeyemi John Green Ally Condie Lauren Oliver J.K. Rowling April Henry Mike Lupica Kwame Alexander	Lone Star Reading List Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program for Teens: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists?list=teens--ya San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Program: http://guides.mysapl.org/summerreading/home Email our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Roy! kimberly.roy@nisd.net

You may purchase a novel, access one from Sora (NISD's online library), check one out from the public library, or access an e-book

Future Project Information

Students will be creating and presenting a project over their chosen summer novels **during the first grading period**. You will need to be able to effectively share about your novel. We will discuss the project requirements during the first week of school, but thinking about the following questions could help you to prepare:

- Did you like your novel? Why or why not?
- How did the main character change between the beginning and end of the story?
- What do you wish you could change or know more about?
- If you were the author, would you write a sequel?
- Did you have a favorite scene in the novel?
- What do you think the author wants the audience to learn from the story?
- How are you different or/and the same from the main character?
- How does the main character compare to your all-time favorite characters?

Helpful Reading Suggestions

- Give yourself plenty of time to do the required reading. It must be completed prior to the beginning of school.
- You get to choose the book, so if you start one, and don't love it, you are more than welcome to change your choice and read something else.
- This is not a requirement, but as you read, you might want to make notes to help you remember it later. You could—
 - Write a quick summary for each chapter.
 - Create a character list as you read.
 - Write down questions or predictions you might have as you are reading.
 - Write down important quotes from the story. Explain why they are important.
 - Write an evaluation of the novel when you finish. What did you like about it?
What did you not like about it?

If you have any questions, please contact me before the end of the school year, or ask your teacher the first week of school. See you in August!

Sincerely,

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