

ELA 8 Summer Reading Assignment

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.” - Stephen King

Reading provides a real opportunity to develop your sense of self, to increase your knowledge and skills, and to escape to a different world. Summer is the perfect time to pick up a good book. So to prepare you for ELA 8, you are asked to do just that: **READ ONE BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE**. The book should be new to you, not one you’ve read before. It can be an e-book, an audiobook, a graphic novel, or any fiction. If you prefer nonfiction, it should be a book that tells a story, but it can be a true story.

The book does not have to come from the school library, but that is a GREAT place to find SO MANY good books!

When we return to school in the fall, we will share our reading with a project. Some questions from the assignment are included below, but **we will complete the actual assignment IN CLASS**. Just read the book over the summer and enjoy it!

I look forward to hearing about what you’ve read!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kaake

Here are some questions to help you remember what you read when we do the assignment. You don’t have to answer them in print, but you should be able to answer them when asked. (Make a copy of this doc to do it digitally.)

Title and Author: What is the title and author of your book? What is the genre (mystery, humor, realistic fiction, etc)?

Characterization: Who are the main characters? What do they look like and how do they act?

Setting: Where and when does this story take place? What is the feeling you get throughout the story as a reader?

Conflict: What is the main problem (or conflict) in the story?

Theme: What message about life (or moral) is the author trying to reveal through the story?