


Summer Reading Assignment for 8th Graders

Hello Scholars and Families,

In preparation for 8th grade, your scholar will complete a book report. During the school year, we will read a variety of texts and practice different types of writing. This project will prepare them by allowing them to demonstrate their understanding of texts and its themes, develop their writing skills, and practice critical thinking.

 **You are NOT required to buy the book.** All books listed below are available at the Enoch Pratt Free Library or as eBooks through their online collection.

Step 1: Choose ONE book from the list below

- **With the Fire on High** by Elizabeth Acevedo (Fiction)
 - **Before We Were Free** by Julia Alvarez (Historical Fiction)
 - **Brown Girl Dreaming** by Jacqueline Woodson (Poetry/Novel)
 - **Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks** by Jason Reynolds (Fiction)
 - **The Giver** by Lois Lowry (Dystopian/Science Fiction Novel)
 - **The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau (Post-Apocalyptic/Dystopian/Science Fiction)
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Step 2: Choose ONE project format

Option 1: Diary

- This report will consist of **5 diary entries** and a cover for the diary.
 - Each diary entry should be at least **10 sentences**.
 - Each diary entry should be from the perspective of the main character.

- The entries should cover events from the beginning to the end of the book.
- Think about the major events of the book, the mood of the characters, and how they might feel about other people in the book.

Option 2: Poster/Visual Representation

- This report will consist of a **poster** and **2 paragraphs**.
 - Your poster should include visual representations of characters, events, and other key elements from the book.
- Your 2 paragraphs should explain what each item represents from your poster and why you chose to include them.

Option 3: Book Review

- This report will consist of **3 paragraphs**.




Paragraph 1: This should be a summary of the book. The summary should cover the ENTIRE book from beginning to end. Think about the most important characters and events.


Paragraph 2: You should talk about what you like about the book and why you would recommend it to others.

Paragraph 3: You should discuss what you disliked about the book and questions that you would like to ask the author.

Paragraph Checklist

Each paragraph must be **at least 7 sentences** long. Please don't stop at 7 sentences if it doesn't completely answer the prompt. Use this checklist to polish your work:

-  **Spelling:** Use a dictionary, family member, or spell-check tool.
-  **Capitalization:** Check first words in sentences, names, places, and book titles.
-  **Punctuation:** Use periods, commas, exclamation marks, and question marks correctly.

 **Goal:** Show your understanding, creativity, and thoughtful reflection!

I can't wait to see all of my future bookworms in August! Have fun reading and enjoy your summer adventure through books!

If you have any questions
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