
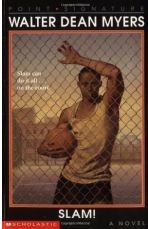
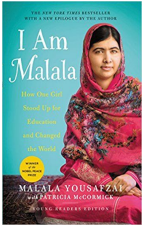
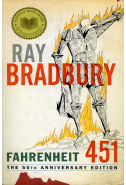


Entering 8th Grade Summer Reading Options

(choose one from the yellow boxes. The purple is for extra credit)

Book Title	Lexile Level	Themes	Synopsis
13 Little Blue Envelopes <i>By Maureen Johnson</i> 	770	Realistic Fiction Family Confidence Self-Esteem	<i>New York Times</i> bestselling author Maureen Johnson tells the story of Ginny Blackstone. Ginny never thought she'd spend her summer vacation backpacking across Europe. But that was before she received the first little blue envelope from Aunt Peg. This letter was different from Peg's usual letters for two very special reasons. Everything about Ginny will change this summer, and it's all because of the 13 little blue envelopes.
Slam! <i>By Walter Dean Myers</i> 	750	Fiction Coming of Age Basketball	Newbery Honor author, Walter Dean Myers, calls on his own Harlem background in this raw and gritty story of a young basketball player coming of age and trying to make it on the unforgiving courts of the city. Slam has seen ballplayers come and go and knows he could be one of the lucky ones. Maybe he'll make it all the way to the big arenas, or maybe, like his man Ice, he'll stumble along the way. He never doubted himself on the court until he found himself going one-on-one with his own future, and he didn't have the ball.
I Am Malala <i>By Malala Yousafzai</i> 	830	Non-Fiction Oppression Perseverance Advocacy Education	Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. Then she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school. Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one young person can inspire change in her community and beyond.
Fahrenheit 451 <i>By Ray Bradbury</i> 	890	Science Fiction Dystopia Censorship Free Thought	He had been a fireman for ten years, and he had never questioned the pleasure of the midnight runs nor the joy of watching pages consumed by flames... never questioned anything until he met a seventeen-year-old girl who told him of a past when people were not afraid. Then he met a professor who told him of a future in which people could think... and Guy Montag suddenly realized what he had to do!

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Assignment #1
REQUIRED

DUE DATE

9/4/18

Chapter Summaries or Journal Entries & Drawing

Part 1) **After each chapter**, summarize what happened. Write your summary in at least 5-6 complete sentences.

OR

2) **After each chapter**, write a journal entry from the perspective of the main character explaining how that character might be feeling or what that character may be thinking. Write your journal entry in at least 5-6 complete sentences.

Note:

You may *handwrite* your summaries/journal entries on lined paper, in a notebook, or type them in a Google document.

See the examples to the right. The rubric that will be used to grade your summaries is attached to this packet.

Part 2) Draw a picture to **symbolize** an important piece of the chapter to go along with your summary or journal entry. Note: A symbol is an item that represents an idea.

Examples

Sample Summary of Chapter 1 from Wonder:

In chapter 1, the main character, Auggie, introduced himself and explains why he is and is not ordinary. He does and likes ordinary things such as ice cream, video games, and his dog. What make him not-so-ordinary is his face: he has a deformity. If he had only one wish ever in his entire life, Auggie would wish for a normal face. His parents ignore how people react, but Auggie's sister Via can't stand how rude some people can be.

Example

Sample Journal entry:

Dear Diary,

It turns out that going to school is totally doable—being like everyone else, on the other hand, is another matter. So today I struggled. How do I live a normal life ten-year old life while looking the way I do. I know it's a challenge to look at me, "I know I'm weird-looking, take a look, I don't bite", but I wish kids would just get over it already. The staring and whispering reminds me over and over again how I'm not normal. It's demoralizing, and distracts me from the business of just going through the normal, ordinary school day. Hopefully Mom will catch the hint of my sad face and get me some of my favorite snack, ice cream, tonight.

Yours Truly,
Auggie



8th Grade Summer Reading Tips, Resources, & Templates

Helpful Reading Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use post-it notes to mark important pages/passages ● Use a post-it notes on each page with 2-3 bullets about what happened (this will make chapter summary writing more efficient) ● Highlight quotes that stick out to you as you read-- this can be used as evidence for your essay ● Use a bookmark that has the essay prompt on it to remind you what you are looking to answer while reading
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Chapter Summaries or Journals Rubric

Note: Teachers will randomly select 5 summaries/journals to grade.

Category	1	2	3
Neatness/ Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Illegible handwriting - Unprofessional formatting professionalism - Missing chapter numbers - Smudges/ watermarks/ stains on paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handwriting is legible (no use of symbols or emojis) - Formatting indicates relative professionalism - Most chapters have a heading with the chapter number - Paper is mostly free of messy marks (i.e. smudges, watermarks stains) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handwriting is professional and neat (no use of symbols or emojis) - Formatting indicates strong professionalism - All chapters have a heading with the chapter number - Paper is free of messy marks (i.e. smudges, watermarks stains)
Summary Quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 70% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions
Summary Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 out of 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 out of 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read

