



Summer Reading List

Grade 8

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” – Margaret Fuller

Students Entering Eighth Grade in September 2020 - Reading List & Projects

Directions: Read two books from the list below, and complete one project for each book.

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Titles

The Secret Life of Bees
The Hound of the Baskervilles
And Then There Were None
Of Mice and Men
Shipwrecked at the Bottom of the World
The Uglies

Authors

Sue Monk Kidd
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Agatha Christie
John Steinbeck
Jennifer Armstrong
Scott Westerfield

Summer Reading Projects

1. Make a book jacket for your story. Make a suitable cover that will grab attention, as well as inform the reader of what to expect. The inner flap should contain a synopsis of the story. On the back, please make up critic's remarks that are colorful and creative. Be sure not to include any information taken from the original book cover. Your cover must be original.
2. Re-tell the story from the point of view of any character other than the main character. You do not need to re-tell the entire story. Pick one character with which to work. Select a few of the main events in the story (definitely include the climax). Re-tell each of the main events from your chosen character's perspective. Be sure to explain whether or not the ending of the story would be different based on your character's point of view. (Please format your writing in Times New Roman 12, double spaced)
3. Create a bookmark. Use your artistic and creative talents to design your bookmark. Maybe the shape could represent an important aspect of the book. On the bookmark, write a short description of what the story is about, a description of an important scene in the story, or a brief description of your favorite part of the book. You may make your bookmark multi-part (folded in accordion pleats, for example). Plan ahead- the bookmark will need to be large enough to accommodate your writing.

