

8th Grade

Summer Reading

Students will read two novels over the summer. One novel will be mandatory, and students will be assessed when they return to school in September. The next novel will be a choice of two books, and students have guided reading questions to answer. Write your answers in paragraph form in a writing journal (marble notebook) that will be used for English class in September.

Mandatory Reading-

- The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Choose one novel-

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper

Guided Reading Questions

- What is the overall tone in of the novel? Cite evidence that supports your opinion.
- What information can you provide to support the understanding of the theme of the novel? Cite evidence from the story.
- Analyze how the particular lines of dialogue or incidents in the story propel the action of the story, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision. Cite evidence as this is a three part question.
- Analyze how differences in the point of view of the characters create such effects as suspense or humor.
- Analyze and reflect on (historical/cultural context and background knowledge) how a modern work of fiction draws on themes and patterns of events, or character types from myths and traditional/historical stories.