

8th Grade Honors Summer Reading

Due: Friday, September 3, 2010

You are to read three novels this summer - *Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline Cooney and two novels of your choice. You may purchase these books from your local bookstore or borrow them from your local library. We will discuss *Face on the Milk Carton* in September and you will be quizzed on it, so you may want to purchase that novel. You will need to complete four reading logs for each novel, for a total of twelve reading logs. These should be typed (Times New Roman font, size 12, double spaced) or neatly written on loose leaf (cursive, do not skip lines). Notebook paper with torn edges will not be accepted. The reading logs and novel quiz in September will be combined to equal your first test grade of the marking period. The reading logs will be worth 75% (25 for each novel) and the quiz will be worth 25% of the test grade.

Reading Log Instructions

At intervals of your choice, pause to write down your thoughts, reflecting on personal connections you may have to the characters and events or questions the chapter raised for you.

Consider the themes or life lessons raised in the chapters, and discuss how those play out in your own life. **Do not summarize the chapter!** The purpose of the log is to show how the novel makes you think and feel. Every chapter's log should tell something different. You will complete four journal entries for each novel you read.

Here is an example of something you might say: "I can relate to the feelings of despair Sal experiences. I too have felt isolated and shunned by people I thought were my friends."

Follow these types of statements up with examples from your own life and a quote from the chapter.

All entries should contain the following:

- Ⓢ The date you made the entry
- Ⓢ At least a full page response for each entry made
- Ⓢ One important quote from the chapters being discussed
- Ⓢ Your personal connections, questions, and thought of the chapter's events

The purpose of this assignment is to encourage you to read thought-provoking novels that promote self-exploration and personal growth. You are on your honor to choose books you have not already read for your free choice books. You may consult your local library for suggestions of grade-appropriate literature, or choose from the list on the back. I hope you enjoy your reading and I look forward to discussing it with you in September!

Stuck for what to read this summer? Ask your local librarian or see if your local bookstore has a suggestions list. You can also try one of these:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

Dune by Frank Herbert

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Man in the Iron Mask by Alexandre Dumas

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Sabriel by Garth Nix

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Loser by Jerry Spinelli

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery