

7th and 8th Grade Language Arts
Summer Reading Assignment
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Your assignment this summer will be to **read two books from the list below or comparable books of your choice**. These should be books you have not yet read. If you do not see something on the list that interests you, the local library has great lists and recommendations for students your age. There are SO many wonderful books written for this age group. I challenge you to contact me, your library, or a friend to find a good fit!

Next, you are going to do some preparations, so we can make book trailers when you return to school. A book trailer is a video advertisement for a book which employs techniques similar to those of movie trailers to promote books and encourage readers.

After completing your novels, **choose one to focus on for your book trailer**. Type up your **Book Trailer Planning Sheet**, and bring the completed sheet to Language Arts class the first day of school. We will use this planning sheet to prepare to create our own book trailers here at school to share with our classmates. Hopefully, we will have many new titles to share!

Here are some titles/authors if you need some ideas:

Eleven, Tom Rogers
Travel Team, Mike Lupica (others by this author)
Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech
The Giver, Lois Lowry (others by this author)
Flush, Carl Hiaasen (others by this author)
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate, Jaqueline Kelly
The Book Thief, Markus Zusack
Fever 1793, Laurie Halse Anderson
Eleventh Plague, Jeff Hirsch
Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25, Richard Paul Evans (series)
Code Orange, Caroline B. Cooney
Red Queen, Victoria Aveyard (series)
Booked, Kwame Alexander (others by this author)

We Were Liars, E. Lockhart (others by this author)
Dorothy Must Die, Danielle Paige (series)
love, Hate and Other Filters, by Samira Ahmed
The loudness, by Nick Courage
Carry On, by Rainbow Rowell (others by this author)
Maze Runner, James Dashner (series)
A Night Divided, Jennifer Neilson
Peak, Roland Smith
The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Brian Selznisk
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs (series)
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

If you have time over the summer and would like to explore possible Apps or other programs that will allow you to make a book trailer in class you will have an easier time learning the new tool once the school year begins! Some popular App or program choices include:

- iMovie
- Google Slides

Summer Reading Book Trailer Planning Sheet

Type the answers to these questions, and bring them to your Language Arts class on the first day of school.

My Name:

My Homeroom:

Book Title:

Author:

Main Character/s:

Where does the story take place?

Write a one paragraph plot synopsis of your book:

Identify one or two scenes or events that show a turning point in the story. How do they change the direction of the story?

What events are most exciting or compelling? What elements of the text made them so? How has action/suspense/emotion been created?

Write down some of the best lines from the book and explain in what ways they are important to the story. (example: develops humor, helps the reader to feel empathy for a character's situation, develops character, creates an image in your mind, etc.)

What appears to be the book's main message or purpose?

What images came to mind while you were reading this book? What images would work well in your presentation of the book?

What song or type of music would be a good soundtrack for this book?

View at least three book trailers online, and write down what elements you notice about these book trailers. (YouTube has both amateur and professional book trailers. A simple Google search will also provide you with many examples.)