

Dear incoming 8th and 9th Grade Students,

This summer, you will be responsible for reading one book *of your choice!* Make sure that the book you choose is:

- ~ School appropriate
- ~ At least 175 pages long
- ~ New to you (you haven't already read it.)
- ~ Has **not** been made into a movie
- ~ Suitable to your reading level
- ~ **Of interest to you!**
- ~ Approved by your parent/guardian

Upon completion of the book, you will create a project (see attached direction page). This project will be due on Friday, August 16th. You will also have a book conference with me during the first week of school.

Please submit your summer reading contract to me by Friday, May 10th.

Six points will be deducted from project grade if you do not submit it by this time! Be sure to discuss your choice with your parent first.

If you need some suggestions, the following books have proven popular with students:

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Shusterman

Stranger in the Lifeboat by Neal

The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury
Gaiman

The Graveyard Book by Neil

Please contact me with any questions you may have. I want to help!



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8th GRADE SUMMER READING PROJECT

After reading your book, you will participate in this **scrapbook project**. *Attention to detail and directions is must!*

Scrapbook - A scrapbook is an album of important objects that tells about or relates an event. *You will put together a scrapbook for one of the main characters in your novel. The scrapbook should reflect the many events that occur to the character in the novel.*

Directions - You must include at least **ten various** scrapbook items, such as

photos

letters

post cards

telegrams

a family tree

newspaper article clippings

memorable items

brochures

receipts

tickets

anything else you can think of that you might find in a scrapbook. Do not include more than two of the same type of item.

Be sure to write captions below each item entry, describing what it is, what's going on, significance to the character etc.

~Create a nice cover for your scrapbook.

~ The first page inside should have the full name of the character, title of the book you read, and the author's name.

~ You could also include some pertinent information about the character, such as his/her birth date, age, or where he/she lives.

8th/9th/10th Summer Reading Project Rubric

Teacher Name: **Ms. Deckard**

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	7	5	3	1
Required Elements	Includes all required elements as well as additional information.	All required elements are included in the project.	All but one of the required elements are included on the project.	Several required elements were missing.
Creativity	Exceptionally clever and unique in showing deep understanding	Thoughtfully and uniquely presented; clever at times in showing understanding.	A few original touches enhance the project to show some understanding.	Shows little creativity, originality and/or effort in understanding.
Neatness and Attractiveness	Exceptionally attractive and particularly neat in design and layout.	Attractive and neat in design and layout.	Acceptably attractive but may be messy at time and/or show lack of organization.	Distractingly messy or v poorly designed. Does not show pride in work.
Composition Score	No grammatical, mechanical, or formatting mistakes in the project.	A few grammatical, mechanical or formatting mistakes which are not distracting.	Several grammatical, mechanical or formatting mistakes which are distracting.	Many grammatical, mechanical or formatting mistakes throughout the project. Clearly not proofread.
Understanding of Content	Shows sophisticated understanding of the protagonist of the book.	Shows an understanding of the protagonist of the book.	Displays a somewhat limited understanding of the protagonist. May have a few misinterpretations.	Does not show an understanding of the protagonist.
Overall Effectiveness and Completion	Project is engagingly organized and presents material that is captivating to the viewer.	Project is somewhat organized, complete and holds the attention of the viewer.	Project is disorganized and incomplete at times, and is somewhat able to hold the attention of the viewer.	Project is incomplete and not easy to follow.

Book conference = 5 points
On time = 3 points

/ 50 × 2 = _____