

Dear 8th Grade Middle School Parents and Students,

As you head into your exciting summer, I encourage you to take some summer reading with you! The more you read, the better! That being said, when you return to school next year, you will be expected to have read at least **two** books during your summer break.

8th Grade English Assignment: Due by August 1, 2021

Read **two** of the following books and then go to the link below to submit a 500-word response. Also, there will be a section of summer sentencing writing in the assignment. These are both due by August 1, 2021.

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The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott

Vincent and Theo by Deborah Heiligman

Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis

Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson

Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crain

8th Grade Honors English Assignment: (1) book from the list below & The Pearl Due by August 1, 2021

Read one of the following books below and then go to the link below to submit a 500-word response. Also, there will be a section of sentence writing in the assignment. These are both due by August 1, 2021:

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Read one book from below

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REQUIRED BOOK - *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck (Must be read prior to the first day of class)

We will discuss this book in class starting on the first day of school. This is our first unit of study, and you will have projects and assignments to complete based on your reading. I expect you to have your book fully read when you come to class in order to be able to participate.

**When you read, you should pay attention to main characters, various settings, plots, and themes presented in the book. After we discuss the book in class, you can also expect to be tested on that material.*

In addition to the books you choose from the reading list, please continue reading all summer. At this age, reading levels and interests widely vary. Therefore, I always encourage parents to look at these selections with your child when they are choosing. Focus on the Family has a wonderful website with hundreds of book reviews from a Christian perspective! I encourage you to visit www.thrivingfamily.com (click on Media, then click on Book Reviews) to preview books before your child reads them. In some cases, you may want to read the book with your child and discuss difficult topics, and don't dismiss reading aloud to each other. They are NOT too old! No matter what they choose to read for pleasure, it is important to simply get them reading. A short, easy read can spark an interest and encourage reluctant readers to keep reading. You can never read too many books! Thank you for your support. I hope you enjoy your summer reading, and I will see you in the August!

Sincerely,

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