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Summer Reading Assignment: Incoming Grade 8

As an incoming eighth-grader, you are responsible for **TWO** summer assignments. One novel is mandatory, and the other assignment offers you a choice of novel from a provided list.

*****You should have already joined Mrs. Gullo's Grade 8 GoogleClassroom using the following class code: oi3rj97. (The code is case-sensitive.)**

Assignment #1: Choose **ONE** of the following books and complete the essay on GoogleClassroom.

- A. **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
- B. **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien
- C. **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

***Please note that the essay should be at least 5 paragraphs, including an introduction and a conclusion.

***In addition to the essay, there will be a brief **quiz** on the book you have selected upon returning to school.

Assignment #2: You must read *To Be a Slave* by Julius Lester. This is a non-fiction book comprised of primary sources. To be a slave. To be owned by another person, as a car, house, or a table is owned. To live as a piece of property that could be sold. This book is about how it felt. These are the words of men and women who had themselves been slaves, accompanied by Julius Lester's historical commentary and Tom Feeling's powerful and muted paintings.

You are asked to create a slideshow using Google slides. The assignment must be submitted on GoogleClassroom. Use the following as a guideline. Each slide should include a graphic (picture). Be creative with visuals, color, and font.

- Slide #1: **Cover slide**, including your name, book's title, and author.
- Slide #2: Based on the information from the Prologue, what were conditions like on a slave ship? Provide specific details.
- Slide #3: What role did religion play in slavery? How was religion used to perpetuate slavery?
- Slide #4: Why was music so important to a slave? Provide at least 2 reasons.
- Slide #5: How did slaves react to hearing the news that they were free?
- Slide #6: What problems did the former slaves face after emancipation?
- Slide #7: Select one personal account from the book that you found very powerful. Describe it. How has this account influenced your opinion on the topic of slavery?

*****Both assignments must be submitted on or before Friday, September 7th.**

*****The 2 assignments and quiz will count towards your Quarter 1 ELA grade.**

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Gullo