

**2019-2020
Eighth Grade
Summer Reading Assignment**

Your assignment for the summer is to read and annotate 1 novel and be ready to complete an in class writing assignment. You must also complete the attached graphic organizer. You may pick from the list below or choose your own book. Please read the following:

Suggested Titles:

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas - John Boyne

All the Broken Pieces - Ann E. Burg

Uprising - Margaret Peterson Haddix

The Book Thief - Markus Zusak

The Crossover - Kwame Alexander

OR

Another “appropriate to your reading level” novel.

You do NOT HAVE to pick from the list above, they are only suggestions BUT the book you do choose must be at or just above your reading level.

Book must be completed by first day of school.

In addition:

Please bring on first day of school a copy of:

The Outsiders - S.E. Hinton

You should NOT read this over the summer. We will read it as a unit of study and work with it throughout September. Please have the book with you on the first day of school.

Enjoy your summer!

Fiction Study

Name: _____

Title: _____ Author: _____

MAIN CHARACTER (PROTAGONIST) Who is the main character (or protagonist)? What is he/she like?

Textual Evidence:



SUPPORTING CHARACTERS Who are the other significant characters? What are they like?



SETTING Where & when does the story take place? Why do you think this will be important to the story?

Textual Evidence:

PLOT & CONFLICT What do you think this story will be about? What will the primary (main) conflict be? *(If you don't know yet, make an inference based on what you have read so far.)*

Textual Evidence:

PREDICTION Provide a detailed description of what you think will happen by the end of this story. How will your main character (protagonist) change? How will the main conflict be resolved? Why?



THEME What do you think an important theme of this story will be? Why? Brainstorm 2-3 possible themes with group and choose one, explaining it below.

Textual Evidence:



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX (Pun intended!) Below, to help build your understanding, create a visualization to represent this book or short story.