

Summer Reading List: 8th Grade Literature

A Rationale for Summer Reading

- * To prepare for thoughtful discussion and writing the first day of class.
- * To generate interest and pleasure in reading that enriches literary and philosophical experience.
- * To encourage a lifelong love of reading.
- * To use time not available during the school year to read classics that expand cultural literacy.

Choice Text (Select ONE that you have not read previously.)

• *The Hiding Place* Corrie Ten Boom
This riveting story tells how a middle-aged Dutch watchmaker became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's death camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century.

• *And Then There Were None* Agatha Christie
10 strangers are invited to a remote island by a secretive millionaire in this classic murder mystery. Each stranger becomes a victim, one by one, and no one is above suspicion.

• *The Chosen* Chaim Potok
A moving story set in Brooklyn, New York, in the 1940s about an unlikely friendship between two Jewish boys that begins with a simple baseball game.

• *The Lord of the Rings (any book in trilogy)* J.R.R. Tolkien
The Lord of the Rings trilogy tells of the great quest of Frodo Baggins (nephew of Bilbo) and the rest of the fellowship of the Ring. Students can read any book in the trilogy if they have previously read one in the series; however, if someone has read only *The Hobbit*, he/she should read *The Fellowship of the Ring*.

General Instructions/Evaluations

1. Students will be grouped by the choice book(s) that they have read. The specific evaluation method(s) will be discussed the first day of class.
2. Students should have all summer reading books the first day of class.

- 3. Although not required for summer reading, annotation (highlighting, margin notes, summaries) of the reading is a beneficial tool for comprehension, retention, and application.**

Happy Summer Reading!!

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