

CAPE HENLOPEN SCHOOL DISTRICT Beacon and Mariner Middle Schools Summer Reading for Rising 8th Grade Students

Read a novel of your choice that is appropriate for your Lexile reading level, and complete the following journal entries:

1. Write a one-page summary of your novel. Include the author's name and book title, and describe briefly the plot, the main characters, a major conflict, and the setting. (RL Standard 1)
2. Choose one character from the book. In a paragraph or two, describe how this character changed over the course of the book. Use specific information from the book to support your paragraph(s). (RL Standard 3)
3. Choose one of the most important events from this story and explain why you think this event was key to the outcome. Use specific details from the book in your explanation. (RL Standard 5)
4. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Did you find it to be too difficult or too easy? What kind of person might be interested in this novel?

Novel suggestions from your teachers but you are free to choose your own novel:

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Life of Pi by Yann Martell

Nothing but the Truth by Avi

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Twilight by Stephanie Meyer

Witness by Karen Hesse

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

Divergent by Veronica Roth

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Quarantine by Lex Thomas

Popular authors to consider:

Avi Walter, Dean Meyers, Suzanne Collins, Stephanie Meyer, James Patterson, James Dashner, Laurie Halsie Anderson, Rick Riordan, J.K. Rowling, Anthony Horowitz, Mike Lupica, Ellen Hopkins

Journal entries may be turned in beginning the first day of school—Tuesday, September 4, 2018—through Friday, September 21, 2018.

Journal entries will receive a grade that will factor into your grade for the first marking period.

Teachers have determined the suggested novels to be generally suitable for 8th grade readers. Parents are encouraged to review and discuss with their children the novels they consider choosing for their summer reading.