



2018 Summer Reading Assignment for Students Going Into Eighth Grade in August 2018

Dear August 2018 Eighth Grader,

Have you heard of the summer slide? The summer slide is what happens when you forget some of what you have learned in school over the long summer break. You have worked hard in school this year, and you want to be a prepared reader for eighth grade. The best way to keep your reading skills sharp and prevent the summer slide is to read, read, read.

As part of your summer preparation for reading, you will be expected to read **three** books over the summer. All incoming eighth graders **must read** the chapter book, War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells, before the first day of school. You must **write a summary for each chapter** and turn this assignment in to your language arts teacher on the first day you attend school. Your teacher will be using this book for lessons and assignments at the beginning of school.

For the other two books, you may select any **two books** of your choice. Look for tips at “*How to Pick Out the Right Book*” on RenWeb. You must **complete one summer activity for each book and turn both activities in to your teacher on the first day of school**. The list of summer activities are on the back of this page.

Please **do not choose** the following books for your summer reading since you will be reading them as part of your eighth grade literature study.

1. Any stories by Edgar Allen Poe
2. Any Sherlock Holmes stories
3. Any short stories by Agatha Christie
4. My Cousin, Rachel
5. The Red Badge of Courage
6. Animal Farm

Can you read more than three books this summer? Of course you can! However, you only have to complete a summer activity for the two books of your choice.

If you have any questions about your summer reading requirements, please email Mrs. Scholler at lscholler@eldoradops.com . Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Scholler

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Summer Activity Menu

August 2018 Eighth Graders

Directions: Choose one activity for each of the two books you chose to read this summer. You will turn these two activities in to your eighth grade teacher on the first day of school. Please use a piece of lined paper for your writing so that it looks neat. You may also use the paper attached for your writing. You may write in print but cursive is preferred.

(You do not have to complete one of these activities for the book, War of the Worlds.)

<p>Theme: The theme of a book is what the reader thinks the book is mostly about. What is the theme of the book you read? List specific details from the story that helped you to identify the theme.</p>	<p>Plot: Describe three main events that are important to the story. What is the turning point of the story in your opinion? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.</p>	<p>Character: Describe a problem faced by the main character using specific evidence from the text. What is the character's perspective or motive for his/her actions? How would you have solved the problem if you were the main character.</p>
<p>Cause and Effect: Use specific evidence from the text to describe two cause and effect relationships from the story. How does the relationship of the characters compare to relationships in your own life?</p>	<p>Extend the Plot: The author is writing a sequel to this story and has asked you for suggestions. Write a summary of the plot, characters and setting that will make for an exciting sequel!</p>	<p>Book Review: Write a book review explaining why you would or would not recommend this book. Include a brief summary of the book and explain your reasoning to recommend or not recommend this book.</p>



Your Name: _____

Chapter Summary for War of the Worlds

Chapter Nr.:	Summarize the events of the chapter in a few sentences. Mention the character, setting, and plot of the chapter as necessary. Use your best handwriting.
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If there are more than 7 chapters in your book, you can make or print extra copies of this page.

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