

## Eighth Grade Summer Reading Assignment



Dear Rising 8th Grader,

Your summer just got a whole lot more exciting because it's time for some reading adventures! I've got an awesome challenge for you that will make your summer unforgettable.

I want you to dive into the world of books and conquer **two** amazing reads. **The first book is your choice from this epic list:**

- *A Night Divided* by Jennifer Nielsen
- *High Heat* by Carl Deuker
- *I Am Number Four* by Pittacus Lore
- *The Winged Watchman* by Hilda Van Stockum

Go ahead and choose one that really grabs your attention. But wait! There's more. **You also need to select and read a second book of your choice. It can be any book you'd like to read.** That's right. You have the power to embark on your own literary adventure.

Once you've conquered these two incredible books, it's time to put your thoughts into action. I've attached some work for you to complete. Let your creativity shine through as you respond to the prompts.

When we kick off the first week of school, I would like you to hand in your completed work. Why? This assignment counts towards your homework grade for the first trimester.

So, go on, and have an absolutely amazing summer full of adventures between the pages. Remember to enjoy every word, every chapter, and every moment. Happy reading!

Wishing you an incredible summer,

Miss Marshall  
Saint Mary's Middle School

## 8th Grade - Summer Reading Written Response

### Directions:

For EACH of the books you read, please respond to **THREE** of the choices below. Please clearly identify which prompts you are responding to by including the bold heading of your choice. Also indicate the title of the book to which you are referring.

<p><b>Create the Front Page!</b> Become a master journalist and design the front page of a newspaper based on the book you read. Craft at least three news articles, each a minimum of eight sentences in length, highlighting significant events from the book.</p>	<p><b>Readers Review!</b> Share your thoughts and opinions on the novel by writing a captivating review. Explain whether you enjoyed the book and justify your stance. Additionally, identify the type of person who might find joy in reading this novel and provide two specific pieces of evidence from the text to support your position.</p>	<p><b>New Ending!</b> Put your creativity to the test! Imagine you could create a new ending for the novel. What would happen? Write at least one full paragraph describing the change you'd make and why. Be sure to explain how this alternate ending would enhance the story. (Minimum of eight sentences.)</p>
<p><b>Create a Collage!</b> Bring the book to life visually. Design a captivating collage using magazine pictures, printed images, or your own drawings. Your collage should depict events and scenes from the book, showcasing your interpretation of its essence.</p>	<p><b>Figurative Language Detective!</b> As you read, hunt for examples of figurative language. Find at least instances of simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, personification, or alliteration. Write down the examples along with the page number where they can be found. Explain what each example means in the context of the book.</p>	<p><b>Book Soundtrack!</b> Imagine your favorite scenes from the book coming to life on the big screen. Choose three songs that you feel capture the mood or essence of those scenes. For each song, explain why you selected it and how it reflects the emotions or events in the book. Be creative and let your musical instincts guide you.</p>
<p><b>Most Important Sentence!</b> Uncover the most powerful sentence in the entire novel. Copy it, enclose it in quotation marks, and write a paragraph explaining why you think this sentence holds such significance. (Minimum of eight sentences.)</p>	<p><b>Timeline Masterpiece!</b> Construct a timeline featuring at least ten essential events from the book. Arrange the events in chronological order and provide a sentence explaining what transpired during each timeline entry.</p>	<p><b>Character Interview!</b> Step into the shoes of a journalist and conduct an interview with one of the book's main characters. Imagine you have the opportunity to sit down with them and ask thought-provoking questions. Craft at least five interview questions that delve into the character's motivations, struggles, and growth throughout the story. Provide detailed answers to each question, as if you were the character, drawing evidence and insights from the book.</p>