

Summer Reading Assignment

8th Grade Advanced Language Arts

Select **one** of the novels listed below for your summer reading. Since we are more interested in encouraging reading than the production of a project or paper, we have tried to create a reading list that you will find appealing while the themes will touch on topics we will discuss in both language arts and Georgia Studies. You will find the books at a variety of locations: local library, Amazon (which has used copies as well as new), local bookstores such as Read it Again or Barnes and Noble.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Book by John Boyne

Esperanza Rising

Book by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Summer of My German Soldier

Book by Bette Greene

Betsey Brown

Book by Ntazak Shange

You will need to maintain a composition notebook. When you sit down to read, whether it is for five minutes or an hour, we want you to write down a brief paragraph of your thoughts on what you have read. You should include literary elements such as theme, characterization (direct and non-direct), conflict, setting, protagonist, antagonist, rising action, falling action, resolution, climax, and point of view, these are among the many literary elements that exist in addition to symbols, and allusions which should also be included. You will find these elements in the setting, plot, or even the characters. The elements do not need to be discussed every time you make an entry, but you should be able to address all of the elements by the time you finish the novel.

There is not an additional writing requirement other than the journal entries, but there will be a baseline assessment of the novel to gauge your understanding of literary elements and comprehension. When we collect the composition books to read them, your journal should convey to us that you have done a careful reading of the book.

Composition books are due on August 30th.