

OLA Free Choice Summer!

Purpose of Summer Reading

The goal of summer reading is to establish a community of readers. Summer is a perfect time for kids who are so busy during the school year to

- * Read and ENJOY new books
- * Discover the pleasures that reading can provide
- * Maintain reading skills

Read anything you'd like this summer! You read that correctly, you get to choose what you read! One...well two... rules...**be sure to choose a book that interests you and is appropriate for your age and reading level.**

Suggested Books

You should read **AT LEAST** one book¹ Kids who don't read over the summer lose reading ability and comprehension over the break. You don't want that!! So think about reading a book by an author you like. Ask friends, family, or librarians for suggestions. Email me if you want my help! I will be checking my email all summer and am constantly thinking about books my students may enjoy. **Read for enjoyment** - but also pay attention the details that make the book enjoyable. **If you choose something that you don't like, change books and start over!**

Books you **MAY NOT** choose

The following books may be read in classes during the school year, so please don't choose these:

Al Capone Does My Socks

The Giver

To Kill A Mockingbird

The Outsiders

Animal Farm

Devil's Arithmetic

Summer Reading Free-Choice Assignment

Same as last summer...a One Pager! You guys did such an incredible job on these!!! I can't wait to see what you do this summer.

¹ What one book?! Come on... you can read more than ONE BOOK! Also, keep checking out Newsela. Informed kids are interesting kids!!

Summer Reading Free Choice Assignment

Create a One Pager Response to the novel you chose to read.

What is a One Pager you ask? A One Pager is a single-page response that shows your understanding of a piece of text you have read. It is a way of making a representation of your individual, unique understanding. It is a way to respond to your reading imaginatively and honestly.

The purpose of a One Pager is to own what you are reading since we read differently when we know we are going to be doing something with the text that we have read.

The Rules

- Read the instructions carefully and follow them. Do the project on ONE SIDE of an 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 sheet of paper.
- Use a lot of color and patterns (perhaps even texture) to illustrate your thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively. Show that you read and thought about the book you chose.

What to Do

- Be sure to put the **author's name and title of the book** you are responding to somewhere on the page where the reader will notice it.
- Pull out two or three **important quotes** that jump out at you, make you think or wonder, or remind you of something. Write them down anywhere on your page. Use different colors and/or writing styles to individualize each quote or phrase.
- Use a **visual image** (either drawn, computer generated, or cut out of a magazine) to create a visual focus - these pictures need to illustrate what pictures you have in mind from your reading.
- Write a **personal statement** about what you have read - what does it mean to you personally? What is your final opinion, final thought, big question, or personal connection? Think about this by asking yourself a question or two about the book and then answering them as your personal statement about the book.
- Create your assignment in such a way that your audience will understand something about the literature from your **One Pager**.

What to Not to Do

- Don't merely summarize - you are not retelling the story.
- Don't use lined paper only - you will be restricted by the lines.
- Don't think a half page will do - make it rich with quotes, color, images. **FILL UP THE PAGE**
- Don't not (double negative = positive!) enjoy yourself. This project should be fun...and creative...and fun! No stress!

Still Not Sure What to Do?

- That's ok! Go ahead and Google "One Pager Reading Response" you will see plenty of examples to get you started.