

Welcome to 8th Grade ELA!
Summer Assignment due 9/11/2015

Name _____

Part I: Annotated Reading Log

Read at least four level-appropriate books. For each book, fill in the questions below and on the back of this sheet.

Part II: Novel Synthesis Project

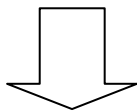
Step A: Choose one book that had a central conflict, theme, or setting that was particularly meaningful to you.

Step B: Spend some time at the library or online researching the SOCIAL ISSUE, TIME-PERIOD, or PHYSICAL SETTING of the book, and copy or print out the one article that you find most interesting.

For example, last year, you read *To Kill a Mockingbird*. If you were doing your work with that particular book, you might do some research about a **social issue** like racism, poverty, or injustice in the legal system. You could also look for articles about the Great Depression (**time period**), or the Deep South (**physical setting**).

Step C: In at least one typed page (single-spaced), write an essay relating the novel and the article. For example, if you read a book about a girl with an eating disorder and printed an article about anorexia, you could write about what the disorder is, how it affected the character, and why it is such a big social issue for teens. If you read a book about a young man growing up in Jamaica and copied an article about the political history of the island, you could write about how your character dealt with his own identity and how that relates to the colonial past of the country.

Annotated Reading Log



Book #1 Title_____ Author_____

In three sentences, this book was mostly about (plot, character, setting, theme)_____

I would/would not recommend this book to a classmate because_____

Book #2 Title_____ Author_____

In three sentences, this book was mostly about (plot, character, setting, theme)_____

I would/would not recommend this book to a classmate because_____

Book #3 Title_____ Author_____

In three sentences, this book was mostly about (plot, character, setting, theme)_____

I would/would not recommend this book to a classmate because_____

Book #4 Title_____ Author_____

In three sentences, this book was mostly about (plot, character, setting, theme)_____

I would/would not recommend this book to a classmate because_____
