

Junior High Summer Reading Requirements

You must read at least three books over the summer. For each book write the following information on an index card:

- Your Name
- Book Title
- Author
- At least three main characters and how they are involved in the plot
- Summary of the plot (3-5 sentences)
- The theme (central message, concern, lesson, or purpose in a literary work)

For one of the books you read, you must also complete a project. You can choose one of the following projects or come up with own idea (just email me at minglek@dc.es.info over the summer to get approval first! minglek@dc.es.info):

Option #1 - Write a letter to the author. Describe what you liked about the book (and what you didn't if applicable). Explain what lesson about life (theme) the book helped you understand. Tell her/him what your favorite part of the book is and why. Finally, tell them which of your friends you will be recommending the book to and why you think they will enjoy it.

Option #2 - Rewrite a scene from the book as a drama (play). Begin with a "Cast of Characters" with their name and a brief description of their appearance and personality. Set the scene with a brief description of the setting. Include all appropriate stage directions for character movement as well as how dialogue should be delivered. Also include stage directions for lighting, sound, and any special effects.

Option #3 – Write a character journal. Choose a character from the book and write five to ten entries in a 'journal' from his/her point of view. Describe how they think and feel as he/she experiences events in the plot of your book. Each entry should be at least one typed page.

Option #4 Create a "soundtrack" for the book. What 5 songs would you choose? Give an explanation for why you

choose each song and how it connects to the events or characters in the book. Include the title, artist, and lyrics for each song. Make sure your name is on the front page, along with the title and author of the book.

Option #5 In a power point , iMovie, or Windows Movie Maker presentation, create a book talk that explains what the book is about, the theme, the author, and plot information from the book. Use pictures and/or video that accurately show's the contents of the book. Presentation should be no longer than 3-5 minutes.

Option #6 Write a series of letters between you and one of the people in the book. You will write a total of a least 4 letters that are each about a ½ page in length. The content of each letter should be about the story, and must include details that you imagine; either how the characters feels about some of the events in the story, or inside information that you make up using your imagination. Make sure that your name, the title, and the author, are included in the upper left hand corner of the first letter, and that all letters are stapled together.