

## GRADE 8 Summer Reading Assignment:

Click on the link below to see the summer reading list:

<http://ahs.apsl.libguides.com/summerreading>

Create a product that represents your understanding of the book you chose to read. Every book has a message. During and after reading your novel, think about the message that the novel communicates to you. What is your take away? That is what we want to know. Avoid writing a just a summary of the novel.

You may work individually or with a partner. Don't worry that you have not yet been assigned a team or an LA teacher. **You will be sharing your product with your ELA class during the week of September 3.** You have all summer to complete this assignment, so don't leave it for the last minute! Use your creativity to produce something that you feel proud to present. Below are some suggestions, but you are free to come up with your own idea, too.

For each project that you create, please neatly write or type at least two paragraphs explaining what your product shows about the novel, and what understanding you were hoping to express with your product. Make sure your first and last name is on your paragraphs as well as on your product. For group projects, EACH group member needs to write his or her own original paragraphs. This will be our first impression of you as a student, so do your very best work!

- Create a character's journal
- Create a movie trailer
- Create an interview between characters (for print, podcast, or film)
- Write a news report with an illustration
- Write an attorney's opening or closing remarks for a trial of one of the characters
- Create a series of short letter exchanges between two characters
- Create a visual representation of one of the book's themes (painting, sculpture, drawing)
- Create a series of bookmarks that depict different literary elements in the book
- Create a dance
- Write a survival manual
- Create a diorama
- Create a scrapbook or a memory book for a character
- Create a children's picture book version of the story
- Create poetry that captures important messages in the book
- Write and perform an original song
- Write an opinion article from a character's perspective (or your own)
- Create the front page of a newspaper
- Create a mobile
- Create an exhibit
- Create a photo essay
- Create a graphic "novel" version

Or come up with an original idea of your own. We love creativity and out of the box thinking, so if this option appeals to you, go for it!

**Remember: you are showing your understanding of the novel. Think about how the book you read helps you to understand the world or yourself in a new way. What is your take away from the book? What did it teach you?**

Have a great summer! We hope you enjoy many great books over the next couple months.

Mr. Almon and Ms. Lheron