

8th Grade English Summer Assignment 2021

Students entering English I Honors:

1. Join the English I Honors Google Classroom: [k65muy2](#)
2. Read *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie and *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.
3. Read a grade-level appropriate novel that you have not previously read. The selection must be an Accelerated Reader book. Choose a novel that challenges you in some way. For students interested in participating in the SCISA Middle School Battle of the Books, I have uploaded the list to Google Classroom. If you are unsure of whether or not a novel meets this criteria, these tools can help you make a grade-level appropriate novel choice:
 - Accelerated Reader Bookfinder (<https://www.arbookfind.com/>)
 - Lexile Framework for Reading (<http://www.lexile.com>)
 - Scholastic Book Wizard (<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>)
 - Barnes and Noble (<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists?>)
4. Students are required to take the AR quiz for each book. The website will remain open over the summer, so students can quiz after reading. Students can access the website through Google Classroom.
5. A book talk and written assignments will be assigned during the first week of school.

Students entering 8th grade English:

1. Read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. Be prepared to take the Accelerated Reader test on the first day of school.
2. Write a character analysis of any one character from the reading assignment. You should develop a careful analysis that is well supported with evidence from the text. This assignment is not a research paper but seeks to test *your* close-reading and interpreting skills; therefore, you should not use outside secondary sources. Your essay should be no less than five paragraphs, typed, and ready to turn in on the first day of school.
3. Complete Eighth Grade language arts IXL Skills Q1-S2 (Prefixes and suffixes, Greek and Latin roots, Synonyms and antonyms): IXL lessons are due on the first day of school. The average score will count for a grade.