

Black River Middle School

New 8th Grade Summer Reading

Information for Students and Parents

Summer reading is required for all students entering Ms. Gardner's eighth grade English class in the fall of 2011. Students are to select **four** of the following books from at least two different genres and complete the assignments. These assignments will be the first grades of the new school year and will be due no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Assignment: Write a journal entry for each novel. Each entry should include:

- A summary that includes a detailed description of the major conflict or problem
- A description of the setting (if applicable)
- A list and description of characters (if applicable)
- The audience for which the book is written
- The purpose or theme of the book
- A personal response to the work of at least one full page that includes
 - What you most liked
 - What you least liked
 - What you will remember

Journals should be bound or stapled together and clearly labeled with the title and author of each work discussed. Grades will be based on the quality of your description and personal reflection for each work. A total of four major grades will be given for the journal (one for each book).

The books you choose to read should be a family decision. If you have a book or books you would like to read that are not on the list, please contact Ms. Gardner by email (agardner@together.net) or by phone (228-4336) to ask for approval before reading the book for this assignment. There are lots of excellent choices available.

If you choose to participate in a program at Fletcher Memorial Library or at Belmont Library and have a note that confirms this, you can receive extra credit. If you complete the Summer Reading Program at the Belmont Library, you will receive credit for one book selection or extra credit. If you complete the Summer Reading Program at Fletcher Memorial Library, you will receive extra credit.

Many of the books are available at your local library. Please plan ahead to make sure you can get the book when you need it. Questions? Please ask. You may call or email over the summer as needed.

Due Date: September 7, 2011. No late journals will be accepted.

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE
<i>145th Street</i>	Myers, Walter Dean	SS
<i>A Northern Light</i>	Donnelly, Jennifer	F – Mystery
<i>A Wreath for Emmett Till</i>	Nelson, Marilyn	Poetry/NF
<i>All the Wrong People Have Self-Esteem</i>	Rosenwald, Laurie	NF
<i>Among the Hidden</i>	Haddix, Margaret	F – Mystery
<i>Bad Boy</i>	Myers, Walter Dean	NF – Memoir
<i>Begging for Change</i>	Flake, Sharon	F
<i>Big City Cool</i>	Weiss, Jerry, Ed.	SS
<i>Bites: Scary Stories to Sink Your Teeth Into</i>	Metziger, Lois	SS
<i>Blue Lipstick</i>	Grandits, John	Poetry
<i>Blue Moon</i>	Noel, Allison	F
<i>Born Blue</i>	Nolan, Han	F
<i>Boxer and the Spy</i>	Parker, Robert	F – Mystery
<i>Brain Science</i>	Fleischman, John	NF
<i>Breaking Through</i>	Jimenez, Francisco	F
<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	Grimes, Nikki	Poetry
<i>Bucking the Sarge</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul	F
<i>Cells</i>	Meredith, Susan	NF
<i>Chains</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	F
<i>Chew on This (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Schlosser, Eric	NF
<i>City of the Beasts</i>	Allende, Isabel	F – Fantasy
<i>Cixi</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Closed for the Season</i>	Hahn, Mary Downing	F – Mystery
<i>Curses Inc. and Other Stories</i>	Vande Velde, Vivian	SS
<i>David Suzuki</i>	Gazlay, Suzy	NF – Bio
<i>Dead Girls Don't Write Letters</i>	Giles, Gail	F – Mystery
<i>Dead Man's Gold</i>	Yee, Paul	F – Mystery
<i>Distant Waves</i>	Weyn, Suzanne	F – Historical
<i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i>	Abdel-Fattah, Randa	F
<i>Downriver</i>	Hobbs, Will	F – Mystery
<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i>	Sonnenblick, Jordan	F
<i>Far From Normal</i>	Klise, Kate	F
<i>Feed</i>	Anderson, M.T.	F – SF
<i>Francisco Pissaro</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Gregory Rasputin</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Henry VIII</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Home of the Braves</i>	Klass, David	F
<i>Honeybee</i>	Nye, Naomi Shabib	Poetry
<i>In Your Face: Culture of Beauty and You</i>	Graydon, Shari	NF
<i>Interstellar Pig</i>	Sleator, William	F – SF
<i>Ironman</i>	Crutcher, Chris	F
<i>King of the Mild Frontier</i>	Crutcher, Chris	NF – Autobiography
<i>Leopold II</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Letters from a Slave Boy</i>	Lyons, Mary	F – Historical
<i>Mary Tudor</i>	Wicked History Series	NF – Bio
<i>Masters of Disaster</i>	Paulsen, Gary	SS
<i>Mockingjay</i>	Collins, Suzanne	F

<i>My Thirteenth Winter</i>	Abeel, Samantha	NF - Memoir
<i>Omnivore's Dilemma (Young Readers Edition)</i>	Pollan, Michael	NF
<i>Parrot in the Oven</i>	Martinex, Victor	F
<i>Persistence of Memory</i>	Atwater-Rhodes, Amelia	F
<i>Pirates!</i>	Rees, Celia	F
<i>Pull of the Ocean</i>	Mourlevat, Jean-Claude	F – Mystery
<i>Rat Life</i>	Arnold, Ted	F – Mystery
<i>Restless Spirit: Life and Work of Dorothea Lange</i>	Partridge, Elizabeth	NF – Bio
<i>Revenge of the Whale: ...Whaleship Essex</i>	Philbrick, Nathaniel	NF
<i>Rising Voices: Writings of Young Native Americans</i>	Hirschfelder, Arlene	NF
<i>Rules of the Road</i>	Bauer, Joan	F
<i>Shattered: Stories of Children and War</i>	Armstrong, Jennifer, Ed.	SS
<i>Someone Like You</i>	Dessen, Sarah	F
<i>Sorceress</i>	Rees, Celia	F
<i>Stuck in Neutral</i>	Trueman, Terry	F
<i>Tears of a Tiger</i>	Draper, Sharon	F
<i>The Body of Christopher Creed</i>	Plum- Ucci, Carol	F
<i>The Glory Field</i>	Walter Dean Myers	F
<i>The Last Summer of the Death Warriors</i>	Stork, Francisco	F
<i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i>	Avi	F
<i>The Year of the Bomb</i>	Kidd, Ronald	F – Historical
<i>Thomas Alva Edison</i>	Colbert, David	NF – Bio
<i>Tortilla Flat</i>	Steinbeck, John	F
<i>Twisted</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	F
<i>Uncommon Champions</i>	Kaminsky, Marty	NF – Bio
<i>Where the Broken Heart Still Beats</i>	Meyer, Carolyn	F – Historical
<i>White Darkness</i>	McCaughrean, Geraldine	F
<i>Wintergirls</i>	Anderson, Laurie Halse	F
<i>Written in Bone: Buried Lives...</i>	Walker, Sally	NF
<i>Year of the Hangman</i>	Blackwood, Gary	F – Historical
<i>You Remind Me of You: Poetry Memoir</i>	Corrigan, Eireann	Poetry/NF