



8th Grade

Summer Reading Requirements

PART 1 (REQUIRED):

1. Choose one of the following books to read: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds, or *Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer.
2. Write or type a double-spaced, one-page summary of the book's plot.
3. Turn in the book and summary to the teacher by the **second Friday of the school year**. Write your name on the book. You will receive a **50-point grade for annotations and summary** and participate in a book club with peers during class.

Annotation Color Codes

***Quantity Expectations: Aim to use each color at least five times throughout the book.

Yellow- Highlight CONFLICTS (both internal and external) within the book.

Green- Identify and highlight 10 VOCABULARY WORDS you do not know and define them within the context of the book. You may define them in the margins or on a separate sheet of paper.

Pink- Highlight examples of HEROIC ACTIONS in the book. Heroic actions are open to interpretation. They can include superhuman feats as well as a person taking on extra responsibilities to help others.

Blue- Highlight the use of FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE within the book and identify the type. (Imagery, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, onomatopoeia, etc.). Aim to find at least one of each type of figurative language.

Orange-Highlight CHARACTERIZATION details.

PART 2 (Optional Extra Credit Assignment):

*****This will be the only opportunity to earn extra credit for the first quarter.** You can earn up to 20 points if you meet the assignment's criteria.

1. Read a book of your choice. It must have an interest level for "middle grade readers" or higher. (*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Dog Man*, as well as similar book series, are not permitted.)
2. Nonfiction books are prohibited due to the nature of the assignment.
3. Complete the "Novel Dodecagon Craft-Activity" following the instructions and using the template found at www.edslibrary.org.
4. This project should demonstrate your understanding of the book, and you *may* present your dodecagon if you like. It will be displayed in the classroom.

For questions, please contact Mrs. Savanna Carter (scarter@bneds.net for students or scarter@episcopaldayschool.org for parents).