



EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2021

Read the following two books prior to the first day of school.

1. Each student will read *Augustine Came to Kent*, by Barbara Willard (ISBN 978-1883937218). The class will be discussing this book in preparation for the study of ancient literature. Please compose a two-part essay, to be handed in the first day of class, with the following information:

- A summary of the plot with a description of three main characters in the book
- A discussion (in complete sentences) of at least 5 aspects of life in the middle as described by the story that appear different from how we live now. Make sure to cite specific examples and to quote those citations in your paper.

The paper must be typed with standard formatting, at least 2-3 pages in length.

2. Each student will also read **one book chosen from the Grades 8-9 Reading List** (attached at the end of this document). Summarize the book's plot, themes, and main characters.

The paper must be typed with standard formatting, at least 1.5 pages in length.

Students should affirm the integrity of their work by writing the following pledge on each assignment and signing it:

I have read this whole book, and all written work is my own.



2021 Grades 8-9 Summer Reading Lists

Fiction

Author	Title
Christie	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
Doyle	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>
Dickens	<i>Oliver Twist</i>
Dumas	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>
Henry	<i>Selected Stories of O. Henry</i>
Orwell	<i>1984 AND Animal Farm</i>
Shelley	<i>Frankenstein</i>
White	<i>The Once and Future King</i>

Non-Fiction

Author	Title
Blatner	<i>The Joy of Pi</i>
Freedman	<i>The War to End All Wars</i>
Lansing	<i>Endurance</i>
Murphy	<i>An American Plague</i>
Stone	<i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i>