



8th GRADE SUMMER



READING ASSIGNMENT

Dear Rising 8th Grade Students,

I know you are already enjoying this beautiful place in which we live. What a great opportunity to read a good book as you sit by the pool and ocean! This summer each student is required to read one book and complete the attached annotated bibliography assignment.

Go to www.arbookfind.com and find a book with the appropriate

AR (Accelerated Reader) level for the grade you will begin in August. Be sure you have your parent's permission to read it as well.

Rising 8th - AR level 5.5 or above

If you are wondering why the AR level is below the rising grade level, please read the attached information that explains how books are rated.

You will have 2 projects for this summer reading assignment.

1) The attached annotated bibliography is due on the second day of school and will be counted as a quiz grade so be sure and use complete sentences and fill in as much detail as possible.

2) Create a decorative cover for the book you read. Use an 8.5"x11" piece of card stock for the project. This cover will be presented during the first week of school.

If you have any questions, please email me at lolson@sschristianschool.com.

Have a WONDERFUL summer!

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DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH



AR Level - Book Ratings

Is it OK for my child to read outside of her reading level? Just because a child can read the words in a book doesn't the content is appropriate. The interest level of the material must be considered. Interest level is based on content - a book's themes and ideas - are indicates for which age group a book is appropriate. The chant below shows which grades fall into each interest level.

Accelerated Reader uses these Interest Levels:

LG: Indicates the content is most appropriate for students in the lower grades (K-3).

MG: Indicates the content is most appropriate for students in the middle grades (4-8).

MG+: Indicates the content is most appropriate for students in the upper middle grades (6 and up). Most MG+ books are marketed as YA (Young Adult) for Interest Level.

UG: Indicates the content is most appropriate for students in the upper grades (9-12).

In many cases, a book's interest level coordinates with its book level. *Hank the Cowdog*, for example, the content of which is suitable for fourth graders, has a book level of 4.5. Many books, however, have a low book level but are appropriate for upper grades and vice versa. For example, Ernest Hemingways *The Sun Also Rises* has a book level of 4.4 because its sentences are short and its vocabulary is simple. The interest level, however, is UG for Upper Grades. In contrast, *Arthur Throws a Tantrum* has a book level of 4.9 because it contains fairly long words and sentences, but it is intended for students in lower grades.

Annotated Bibliography - 8th Grade Summer Reading

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Title & Author: _____

AR Level: _____

One sentence stating the main idea:

In the beginning....

In the middle....

In the end....

Setting (Include time, place, describe surroundings. Remember, this is not always stated in the book, but may be inferred.)

Mood (Which feelings does the setting create?)

Major characters (name and describe them)

Inciting incident (the event that starts the problem)

Conflict: Fill in as many conflicts as possible. Example: Man vs. Man may be the main character (Jenny) verses the bully (Allison)

Man vs. Man:

Man vs. Himself:

Man vs. Society:

Man vs. Nature:

Man vs. GOD:

Climax (turning point of the story):

Resolution (How were the conflicts solved/resolved?)

Theme (List at least one message the author conveys in the story)

How does the title relate to the story?

Two sentence recommendation of the book