

8th grade Summer Reading 2016

Due Date: August 19th, 2016



Assignment:

We are requiring all students who will be entering the 8th grade to read *two novels* over the summer. Your first novel is your choice book. You can pick any novel that meets the criteria of the guidelines listed on the right side of the page. The second novel is what has been given to you, *The Maze Runner*.

1. **After reading your choice book you need to complete the character description chart along with the writing assignment.**
2. **After reading *The Maze Runner* you need to select one of the four tasks listed and follow the rubric to complete.**

Guidelines:

Your requirements for your choice novel are the following:

- Needs to be a minimum of 200 pages.
- Need to select a book on your lexile level.

To look up the lexile level of a novel go to www.lexile.com and type in the title of the book you are interested in. Your lexile level is the score you received when you took the SRI test.

Grading:

Make sure you complete all assignments and follow the rubric as it is stated. The deadline for your summer project is August 19th, 2016. Late assignments will be assessed with a penalty of 10% for each day for up to five days. After the five days has passed you will be issued a 0. Remember that if you have questions you are welcome to email an 8th grade Language Arts teacher! If you return the book with your project you will receive extra credit!

Suggestions:

Here is a list of a few suggestions you might want to check out for your choice novel. This list was created by teachers and previous 8th grade students.

Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
Divergent Series, Veronica Roth
Matched Series, Ally Condie
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
Maximum Ride: Angel Experiment, James Patterson
The Boy Who Dared, Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Soldier X, Don L. Wulffson
Enders Game, Orson Scott Card
Cinder, Marissa Meyer
The Secret Life of Bees, Sue Monk Kidd
I am Number Four, Pittacus Lore
Eagle Strike, Anthony Horowitz
Uglies Series, Scott Westerfield

Character Description

Name: _____

Part A: Think of three main adjectives that describe a particular character, and write them below:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Part B: Create main idea statements by writing complete sentences about the adjectives above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Part C: Write each main idea statement in the top part of each box. In the bottom part, write all of the examples from the text that support your statement.

Main Idea #1:

Support:

Main Idea #2:

Support:

Main Idea #3:

Support:

Part D: Now compile your notes into a 3-paragraph character description. Make sure each paragraph contains a main idea statement and evidence from the text to support the main idea.

Title of
Choice Book: _____

The Maze Runner
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Directions: Read the four selections below. You are responsible for choosing **one task**, and completing that task for your summer reading project. Remember to take your time and do your best because it will be your first grade in Language Arts. Make sure to refer to the rubric that can be found on the back of this page.

Mastery Task	Interpersonal Task
<p>You need to create a test over the content of <i>The Maze Runner</i>. Your test should contain 10 multiple choice questions. Each question needs to a part a and part b to the question (part b should be finding evidence). You also need an extended response question. In addition to the questions (and multiple choice options for questions of that type), you should also circle the letter of each correct answer, and create "scoring guides" for the extended response questions.</p>	<p>There are various characters in <i>The Maze Runner</i>. Your task is to write four different poems. Each of the poems should be about a different character in the novel. The poems must be at least 12 lines long (though any, or all of them, may be longer). When creating your poems, you should think about character traits, important actions, and relationships with other characters. Use those aspects, and others, within the lines of your poem.</p>
Understanding Task	Self-Expressive Task
<p>Within <i>The Maze Runner</i>, there are several different ideas and messages that come into play. Your task is to write an essay that states and explains what the theme of the novel might be. There are many possibilities for this, but be sure to remember that <i>theme</i> refers to the author's message, or what the writer of the story or book wants you to think about regarding a bigger picture. Your essay should be at least five solid paragraphs long, though it may be more, and it should state and support the theme you have come up with for the novel.</p>	<p>The Maze Runner was made into a movie that came out in 2013. For this project once you finish reading the novel you need to rent and watch the film version. You then will be creating a poster to display how the film stayed faithful and departed from the book. Your job is to determine what the director changed in the film, and what he chose to keep the same. Your poster should be visually appealing and include a picture or drawing of an important scene in the novel/movie.</p>

Rubric for each project:

Mastery Task

10 Multiple choice questions created	2	4	6
All multiple choice have a part A & B	2	4	6
One extended response question	2	4	6
All questions are answered correctly	2	4	6
Questions connect to the novel	2	4	6

Interpersonal Task

Each poem is at least 12 lines	2	4	6
Poems include character traits	2	4	6
Poems include details from the novel	2	4	6
All four poems are complete	2	4	6
Poems are creative and original	2	4	6

Understanding Task

Essay identifies a correct theme	2	4	6
Essay is at least five paragraphs	2	4	6
Theme is supported with details from the novel	2	4	6
Essay is organized and original work	2	4	6
Few grammatical mistakes	2	4	6

Self-Expressive Task

Identifies at least 5 examples of film staying faithful to text	2	4	6
Identifies at least 5 examples of film departing from the text	2	4	6
Paragraph on poster evaluating directors choices (agrees/disagrees)	2	4	6
Includes picture of scene from the novel	2	4	6
Poster is visually appealing and legible	2	4	6