

Crossroads Academy

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading

In English 7, many of the books that we read focused on the theme of freedom. In English 8, our essential question is “What is justice?” To transition from one theme to another, there are **three required readings this summer**.

1. Please read *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell. You may check the book out of a library, purchase a copy to keep, or borrow a copy from Crossroads Academy.
2. Read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. This book is also available on loan from Crossroads Academy. **I recommend that you read this book in August, as it will be the first one discussed in English 8 class in the fall. Read this book actively & carefully!**
3. Read a biography. Dr. Freeberg will provide you with a number of notable twentieth-century figures. Choose ONE. Reading biographies helps us reflect on the past, grapple with the present, and prepare for the future.
4. Reading is the cornerstone of scholarship and academic success. Read at least one additional full-length book of your choice.
5. **Required Reading Response:** You will keep a record of your reading on the attached form. If you read more than the required books, attach a list of titles and authors to this form. **Please be sure the form is filled out completely and bring it with you to English class on the first day of school.**
6. Please note that you will receive a grade for your summer reading. If you read FOUR books (*AF*, *TKAM*, history biography, and one free choice) you will receive a grade of B+. Reading more than the basic requirement and recording what you read will help you to earn a higher grade.

# of books	3	4	5	6	7	8 +
grade	B	B+	A-	A	A+	100

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_____ has completed the following summer reading:
(Student's Name)

1. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

2. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

3. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

4. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

5. Title: _____ Author: _____

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7. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

8. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

9. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

10. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Student Signature: _____

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