

Incoming Eighth Grade Students  
Summer Reading Assignment  
May 2011

Dear Eighth Grade Students and Parents,

To keep our reading momentum going during the summer break, I am asking that each eighth grader read three books. The first book can be any genre, but needs to be chosen from our Cosgriff reading list which is available on our website. The second book is a free choice selection—but please choose something that still challenges your thinking! The third book is *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe. There is an attached book report form that should be used for all three books. I will collect these book reports on the first day of school.

Regarding the Chris Crowe book, I am also asking each student to write a brief essay using the following prompt:

Tell about a time you witnessed an example of bigotry or prejudice. This can be from your own experience, a family member's experience, a movie, or a book. Describe the incident and explain how you felt about it and why.

Please do not read the following books as they are part of the eighth grade curriculum: *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Pearl*, *My Brother Sam is Dead*.

I hope you have a wonderful summer! Get ready for a great eighth grade year!

Mrs. Cindy Hunt

**\*\*\*Use this form for all three book reports. Reports may be typed or neatly handwritten in INK\*\*\***

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Summer Book Report

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Where and When does the story take place? (*Setting*)

Identify and describe the most important character (*protagonist*) and explain their function in the book.

The problem (*conflict*) arises because...

and then this happens... (*plot summary*)

and finally the problem(s) is solved when... (*resolution*)

The story is being told from the \_\_\_\_\_ (*Point of View*)

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What seems to be the major point the author wants you to remember?

Are there any similarities between this book and your own life? Explain your answer.

Give your opinion of the book and explain why you did/did not enjoy the book.

To Parents:

Please verify your son/daughter read this book and prepared this report.

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(Parent Signature)