

Eighth Grade
Summer Reading Assignment

Students who are entering Grade 8 Language Arts are to read one book for the summer reading assignment. Directions are as follows:

Directions: The goal of the summer reading assignment is to keep your reading, writing, and thinking skills at their best. You are to choose ONE book from the titles listed below.

Fiction:

Between Shades of Gray - Ruta Sepetys

Stella By Starlight - Sharon M. Draper

The Big Field – Mike Lupica

Nonfiction:

I Got This – Laurie Hernandez

The Nazi Hunters – Neal Bascomb

After you read your book you will answer **each of the following questions** listed below in a well-constructed paragraph of 5 – 8 sentences.

1. Choose a character in a book. What words would you use to describe him/her? Use evidence from the book to explain why this word describes the character.
2. How has the main character changed from the beginning of the book to the end? Explain using evidence from the book.
3. What is one theme/lesson/message you can learn about life from this book? Explain.

Answer all questions completely using examples and a direct quote to support your thoughts. Use a different quote for each question. Responses can be handwritten or typed and will be graded using the attached rubric. Assignments will be due Friday, 8/17.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Summer Reading Assignment Rubric

Task:	Limited (1 pt.)	Acceptable (2 pts.)	Proficient (3 pts.)
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Summer reading
assignment submitted
on time.

Relevant details that
clearly communicate
the answer to the
question.

Responses meet the 5-8
sentence requirement.

Mechanics (capitalization,
spelling, and punctuation).

Point Total: _____

Grade: _____