



## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Literature Assignment

Choose two books to read this summer. The books should be of an appropriate length and challenge for you, and ones that you have not read before. Included in this packet is a list of suggested books. Public libraries also have wonderful lists in various categories available for middle school students. **After reading each book, choose one of the activities listed below to complete.** All literature projects need to be turned in on the first day of school.

### **Poetic License**

Find a particularly effective description or bit of action that is really poetry written as prose. Rewrite it. Leave out words or skip a sentence or two, but arrange it to create a poem.

### **Extra! Extra!**

Write the front page of a newspaper that might be found in the town/country/region where your story takes place. Include four articles about the characters or events in your book and at least one illustration. Make your newspaper look as much like a real newspaper as possible.

### **My First Storybook**

Create a picture book for younger readers. Choose 10-20 major events from your book. Write each event on a sheet of drawing paper along with an illustration. Bind all of the pages together, then design a cover for your book.

### **Start the Day Write (Cereal Box Book Report)**

- Cover an empty cereal box with white or light covered paper. On the front of the box write the name of the cereal. Choose a name that sounds enticing and that relates to the story. Draw an illustration to go with it. The shape of the cereal, the colors, and the ingredients should all relate to the book.
- On the back of the cereal box, write a summary of the book. Describe the three elements (conflict, climax, resolution) and the plot in detail.
- On the right side under the heading "*ingredients*" list the main characters and write a sentence about each one. Then describe the setting (time and place).
- On the left side write the title, author of the book, number of pages, and your name.

### Hanging Around (Book Mobile)

Create a mobile about your book. Use shapes and/or colors that relate to your book. Your mobile must include the following.

- On one piece write the **Title** and the **Author** of the book
- Label a piece **Setting**. On the back, write where and when the story takes place.
- Label a piece **Opinion** and on the back write your opinion of the story. You need to write at least 4-5 complete sentences stating your opinion and why you did or did not like the book.
- Have a piece for each **Main Character** in the book. Draw a picture of the character and write their name under the picture. On the back, tell why this character is important in the story.
- Have a **Plot** shape from which you hang three additional pieces. On the front of each write **Beginning, Middle, and End**. Under each label, draw a scene from each of these sections of the book. On the back of each, write five sentences explaining that part of the book.

### It's in the Bag

Make a list of the story elements (characters, setting, problem(s), events, and resolution), making sure that you retell the story. Beside each element, write down an object to represent each one. Find the objects and put them in a bag (brown grocery bag, gift bag, and cloth bag, whatever!) You will use the items in your bag to retell the story to the class.

### Dear Diary

Create a diary from the main character's point of view. Focus on their character changes or conflict in the story. Your diary may span the time covered in the book or it may focus on a particular moment in time. Your diary should include at least five entries.

### Sincerely,

Write a series of letters between the main character and other important people in their life. Focus on the relationships between the characters and the importance of their interactions. This should include at least five letters.

### Let's Boogie

Create an audio-timeline of the main character's story. Create a timeline of the major events in story and associate popular or classical songs with at least five events in that person's life. This choice will include a short paper that provides an explanation of why you chose each of the songs for each event.

### My Way

Create a project of your choice. Before completing this option you must email your teacher (hannah@onenessfamily.org) for approval. In your email include a detailed description of what you would like to do for your project.