

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade English**  
**Summer Reading Assignment**  
**2009**

You will be required to read only one book from the attached list for your summer reading assignment this year. At the beginning of your 8<sup>th</sup> grade English class you will be required to turn in the summer reading worksheet on the book you have read over the summer and write an essay dealing with your book. The worksheet is due the first day of school and points will be deducted for each day it is late. It will be impossible to pass the first quarter in English next year, if you do not read a book from the attached list and complete these two assignments.

The only written work you will need to do over the summer is to fill out the worksheet that is attached to this assignment. This is to help you remember important information about your book and to help you with the essay in the fall.

You may wish to keep a journal as you read. One suggested method for a journal is to keep notes on what you're reading, while simultaneously writing responses to the book. Responses can be questions or comments about your book, your thoughts, feelings and opinions on what is happening, characters, etc. Keeping notes and/or personal responses/reactions will help you to understand and remember your book better. Keeping a journal will only help you to earn a better grade on the test and essay.

Some of the books on this list will be reserved at the Palmer Public Library. Because the demand will be high, you may only check out each book for two weeks. The books may be purchased at most bookstores or online if you choose. This will allow you to read when you want to and at your own pace. By no means should you limit yourself to reading only one book this summer, but you must read at least one for this assignment. Good luck and we'll see you in the fall.