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8th Grade English Language Arts: Summer Assignment

Part I: Reading Assignment

This summer, you are required to purchase and read two different books. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak and a book from the Choice list below.

MUST read text: <i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak	
Must read (at least) one of the books listed below:	
1. <i>A Long Walk to Water</i> by Linda Sue Park	6. <i>Ender's Game</i> by Orson Scott Card
2. <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson	7. <i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds
3. <i>The Graveyard Book</i> by Neil Gaiman	8. <i>Paper Towns</i> by John Green
4. <i>The Boys Who Challenged Hitler</i> by Phillip M. Hoose	9. <i>Finding Audrey</i> by Sophie Kinsella
5. <i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i> by Brian Selznick	10. <i>Paper Towns</i> by John Green

Part II: Writing Assignment

After reading *The Book Thief* and a book from the list above, you must write:

1. A 1-page TAPS summary of *The Book Thief*.
2. A 2+ page narrative re-write of the ending of your choice text.

Part III: Creative Assignment

On a blank 8x11 printer paper, create a book advertisement for one of the books you read. Your classmates will use these advertisements as suggestions to kick start independent reading in August.

A. Synopsis <input type="checkbox"/> Briefly describe plot (setting, main events, conflicts) <input type="checkbox"/> Briefly introduce main characters <input type="checkbox"/> Briefly discuss major theme(s)	B. Review and Recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Star Rating out of 5 and why (5 = best, 1 = worst) <input type="checkbox"/> Who would you recommend it to and why? (i.e. someone into sports, science fiction, creative writing, length)	C. Additional Info -choose at least THREE additional requirements below to include in the advertisement: <input type="checkbox"/> A tagline or hook to grab the reader's attention <input type="checkbox"/> A link to a book trailer from YouTube <input type="checkbox"/> A favorite line or quote from the book <input type="checkbox"/> Related readings, movies, or TV Shows <input type="checkbox"/> Expert reviews (hint: back of book, Amazon, other sites) <input type="checkbox"/> Awards that the book has won
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Summer Assignment Checklist:

Choice Text: _____

_____ I read at least two books: *The Book Thief* and a choice text: _____.

_____ I wrote a 1-page TAPS summary for *The Book Thief*.

_____ I wrote a 2+ page narrative re-write of the ending of my choice text.

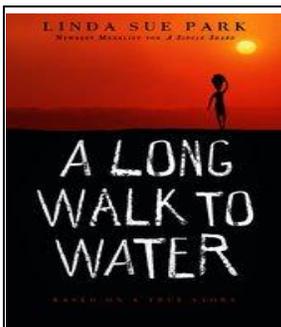
_____ I completed my Creative Assignment on one of the texts (either *The Book Thief* or choice text).

STUDENT Signature: _____ (date signed: _____)

PARENT/GUARDIAN Signature: _____ (date signed: _____)

If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns, please email Chelley.Quiambao@lilaschool.com.

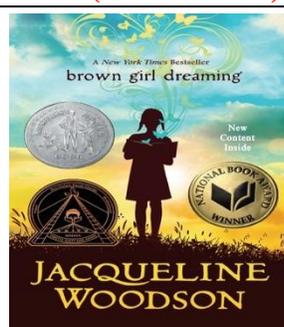
Choice Book List (choose one):



A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
ISBN-10: 0547577311

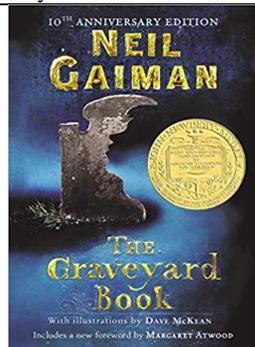
Summary: *A Long Walk to Water* begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about a girl in Sudan in 2008 and a boy in Sudan in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as

they search for their families and for a safe place to stay... -Scholastic



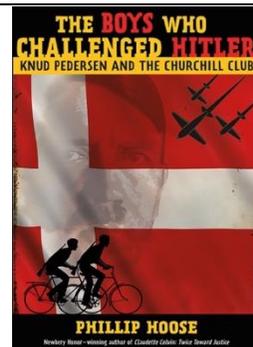
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
ISBN-10: 9780147515827

Summary: Raised in both South Carolina and New York, author Jacqueline Woodson shares tales of her upbringing through Jim Crow and Civil Rights in the '60s and '70s. Told completely in verse, Woodson's book details cherished memories about her grandparents, pop culture, new friends, and living in both the segregated country and diverse city streets. -commonsensemedia.org



The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
ISBN-10: 0060530944

Summary: Reared by ghosts, werewolves and other residents of the hillside cemetery he calls home, an orphan named Nobody Owens wonders how he will manage to survive among the living having learned all his lessons from the dead. And the man Jack — who killed the rest of Nobody's family — is itching to finish the job. Illustrations by Dave McKean. -NPR



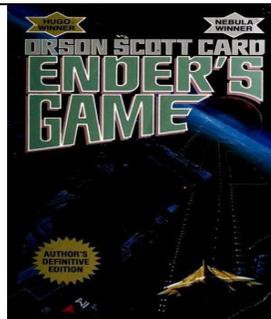
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip M. Hoose
ISBN-10: 0374300224

Summary: During WWII, Denmark didn't resist Nazi occupation, and this deeply shamed 15-year-old Knud Pedersen, who along with his brother and some classmates started a small, secret club of political resisters in 1941. Full of brave but naïve teenage boys desperate to undermine the Nazi regime, the Churchill Club committed 25 acts of sabotage -- disabling German vehicles, stealing Nazi arms, and destroying and defacing German property -- before being arrested in 1942. commonsensemedia.org



The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
ISBN-10: 1407103482

Summary: In this magical novel written and illustrated by Brian Selznick, 12-year-old Hugo is an orphan, clock-keeper and petty thief living within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931. Before he died, his father left him a broken automaton, and Hugo labors to uncover the secret hidden inside the machine. -NPR



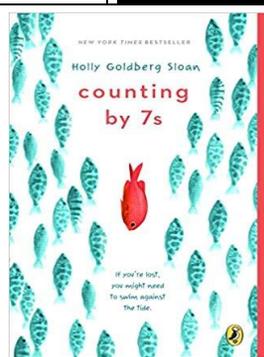
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
ISBN-10: 0812550706

Summary: Young Andrew "Ender" Wiggin, bred to be a genius, is drafted to Battle School where he trains to lead the century-long fight against the alien Buggers. -NPR



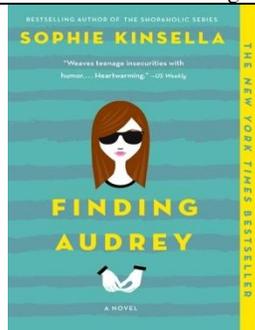
Ghost by Jason Reynolds
ISBN-10: 1481450166

Summary: GHOST is Castle Cranshaw's new nickname -- he gave it to himself and it sticks when he challenges a track team's best sprinter to a race. Running is as easy for him as breathing, probably because he's been doing it all his life. An emerging track star with a past, Ghost has to figure out why he runs -- is it toward what his life could be or away from his past? Luckily, he has new friends on the team, his coach, and even his mom to help him figure it all out. - commonsensemedia.org



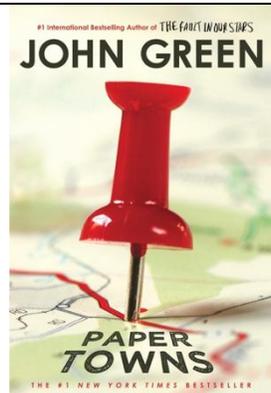
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
ISBN-10: 014242286X

Summary: Willow Chance is a 12-year-old adopted girl in Bakersfield, CA, a self-described "person of color" who's obsessed with gardening, rare skin conditions and other medical oddities, teaches herself Vietnamese, and counts by sevens to relax. Her white parents are the only people who really understand her -- her teachers never do, and her only friend moved away. At the start of middle school she scores 100 percent on a standardized test, prompting her teacher to send her to the school counselor, assuming she cheated. The counselor, a sloppy, burned-out slacker, snaps out of his doldrums when he figures out she's a genius, not a cheater. After Willow loses her parents in a car crash, the counselor takes an interest in her and two other misfit students of his -- a teen brother and sister -- and all of their lives become entwined with devastated Willow's. -commonsensemedia



Finding Audrey by Sophie Kinsella
ISBN-10: 0553536532

Summary: Quentin Jacobsen has spent a lifetime loving the magnificently adventurous Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs into his life—dressed like a ninja and summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge—he follows. After their all-nighter ends, and a new day breaks, Q arrives at school to discover that Margo, always an enigma, has now become a mystery. But Q soon learns that there are clues—and they're for him. Urged down a disconnected path, the closer he gets, the less Q sees the girl he thought he knew... -commonsensemedia.org



Paper Towns by John Green
ISBN-10: 9780142414934

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