

ENTERING GRADE 8

Lawrence Woodmere Academy
Middle School

Summer Reading & Writing 2010

Due: First Day of School



Guidelines:

Reading

Read **two** books of your choice. Suggestions on how to find books of your interest are included in this booklet.

Please do not read: To Kill A Mockingbird, Lord of the Flies, Flowers for Algernon, Night

(These books will be explored during the school year!)

Both books must be:

- Full length (no picture or comic books, please)
 - Age appropriate
 - Appropriate to discuss in class

Writing:

Complete the written responses as assigned on the attached sheets attached sheets.

HOW TO FIND JUST THE RIGHT BOOK

Some Suggestions.....*LWA website

Click <http://www.lawrencewoodmere.org>, then click 'Academics', click 'Middle School', 'Summer Assignments' to find a summer reading resource list including NY Times Best Sellers, recently published award winning titles, and audio and internet choices.

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Authors you have enjoyed

(Many authors and their publishers have homepages on the internet)

Internet Book Shopping

www.amazon.com

www.bn.com

Search by author, age level, topic, title

Local & school libraries

- Book displays
- Ask the librarian
- Read the dust jacket (the cover & title do indeed draw us to books!)

By Genre

- Fiction
- Non-Fiction
- Biography
- Autobiography
- Mystery
- Adventure
- Historical Fiction
- Science Fiction

Inspiration

Think about people who inspire you—musicians, athletes, civic leaders, artists, writers—and check out books written about or by them.

Go to the Bookstore

- Displays
- Ask salesperson for help
- Read the dust jacket

Book List Web Sites:

1. <http://ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2005/booklists.htm>
2. <http://www.seemore.mi.org/booklists/fiction.html#FicGeneral>
3. <http://berkeleypubliclibrary.org/bklistj.htm>
4. <http://waterborolibrary.org/bklistj.htm>
5. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/lists.html>
6. <http://www.meppl.lib.mo.us/readers/lists/juv/>

FAMILY FAVORITES

Books that family members have enjoyed:

Books recommended by your peers:

7th & 8th Grade Book Response Assignment

Due: The first day of school

Write a one page reflection for each of the books that you read by discussing one of the following themes (it could be a different theme for each book):

- Being an outcast
- Learning a life lesson
- Survival
- Loving and losing
- Letting go of something
- Finding common ground
- Journey to adventure
- Friendships challenged
- Try to see it my way
- Being an "almost teen"
- Adjusting to a new situation/person
- Following one's dream
- Taking a stand
- Self-discovery
- Giving someone/something a chance
- Meeting a challenge
- Beating the odds
- In search of the real me

In your response, be sure to include:

- ❖ Title of book and author
- ❖ What attracted you to the theme you chose?
- ❖ What scenes/situations in the book revealed this theme most memorably?
- ❖ In what way(s) do you relate to any of the characters' experiences?

Format:

- ❖ Your name (first & last) at the top
- ❖ Neatly handwritten on loose-leaf paper (blue or black ink) or typed – (if typed, then double spaced 1" margin, 12 pt. font, please)
- ❖ Complete sentences and developed paragraphs
- ❖ Proofread for spelling/mechanical fine-tuning