

Grade 8

Summer Reading 2024 for Rising **8th** Graders

This summer you are required to read **two** books.

You will read a **fiction** book chosen by your teacher and a **nonfiction** book of your choice.

Rising eighth graders will read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

When we return to school, we will be discussing the assigned fiction book. Be prepared for our discussion by reviewing the following questions. You may want to take notes to better engage in your reading and our follow-up discussion in class. These are your books. You may annotate the text (write in the margins) or use sticky notes to record your thinking.

1. Be able to summarize the text in three to five sentences.
2. What would you change in this book if you had written it?
3. Share a favorite quote from the book. Why did this quote stand out to you?
4. Which character in the book would you most like to meet? Give at least two reasons.

For the nonfiction book, choose a book that coordinates with topics from our eighth grade curriculum. List ten interesting facts about your subject. Note the page number next to your facts.

When choosing your nonfiction book, look for a book that is interesting to you and appropriate to your reading level. You may check a reliable website like Scholastic to see the grade/age reading level. If the pages look similar to your social studies or science books, it may be a good fit.

Social Studies Topics

American Revolution
Young America
Moving Westward
Civil War
Reconstruction

Science Topics

5 states of Matter
Periodic Table of Elements
Newton's Laws of Motion
Circuits and Electricity
Thermal Energy

Remember, per our Handbook:

Final Product Guidelines

St. Stephen School has established a set of guidelines to be followed by all students. These apply to all projects. All written work that is handed in to a teacher will follow this format.

Name

Subject Heading

Date

Handwriting counts!

Grammar counts!

Spelling Counts!

Neatness Counts!

Written work will be handed in **without scribbling or crossing out**. It will be done on **loose-leaf paper**, not paper ripped out of a notebook. **Cursive** must be used. All final products must be completed in dark blue or black **pen**. *Showcase your excellence!*

Example:

Name

Date

ELA 8 Summer Reading: Nonfiction

What Was the Boston Tea Party?

Kathleen Krull

1. **By 1765, America consisted of 13 colonies that made their own laws.**
(page 8)
- 2.
- 3.

