

Mansfield ISD Reads!

8th Grade Pre-AP English/Language Arts/Reading



Summer Reading 2018

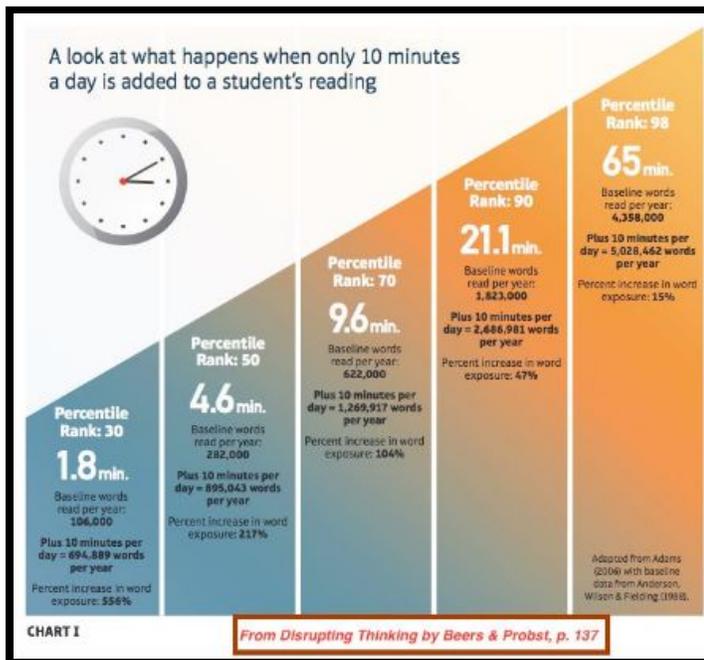
Reading during the summer months

helps maintain reading fluency,

builds vocabulary, and enhances comprehension. Athletes, musicians, and dancers know that if they did not practice their skills for several months, their skills might diminish. The same applies to reading. Research shows that if you do not read for several months, you lose some of your skill.

Current research shows that giving students choice in selecting their summer reading books:

- Has a significant impact on their academic success;
- Encourages the joy of reading;
- And combats summer reading loss and promotes reading development.



Students enrolled in 8th grade Pre-AP ELAR are **required to read a book of their choice this summer from their grade level title list**. By completing summer reading, students will deepen their close reading and analysis skills—skills that are extremely important to being successful in Pre-AP/AP English.

English/Language Arts/Reading Teachers, Librarians, and Administrators met to discuss and determine the reading list. Books were chosen based on the following criteria:

- Appropriate topics and readability for independent summer reading;
- High interest for students at the designated grade level;
- Literary merit/promotes rich discussion and literary analysis;
- Aligns to grade level thematic subject.

Please note that some of the books on these lists may contain mature language or situations. While giving students choice is designed to make the reading more fun for students, it will be important for parents to be involved in book selections. Parents and students will want to preview their potential book choice prior to reading and discuss if the book is the “right fit” for the student. One quick way to preview the subject matter is to read reviews from online sites like Barnes & Noble, Amazon, or Goodreads.com.

Prior to the end of the school year, your campus librarian will give students the opportunity to purchase their choice book before they leave for summer break. Ordering information will be provided in the next few weeks. Or students may check out their choice book from the library or purchase the book from Amazon or Half Price Books.

Students in 8th Grade Pre-AP ELAR are highly encouraged to annotate their book to help them develop good reading habits and comprehend the text. Annotation directions and question stems have been provided.

Thank you for supporting reading and creating lifelong learners in our students.

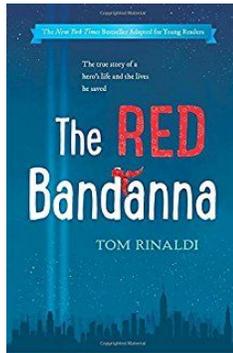
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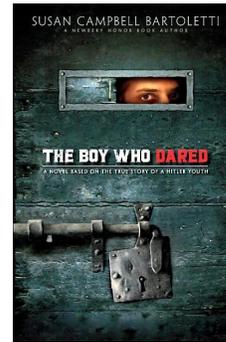
Common Thematic Subject: Choices & Consequences

8th Grade Pre-AP ELAR students will study texts with themes surrounding the subject of choices & consequences. Select **one** of the following novels to read over the summer.

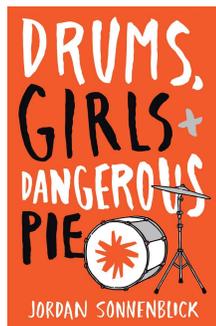
The Red Bandanna (Young Readers Adaptation)
by Tom Rinaldi



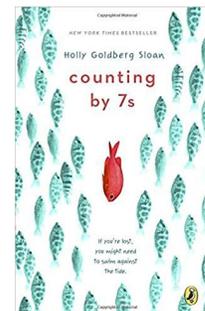
The Boy Who Dared
by Susan Campbell Bartoletti



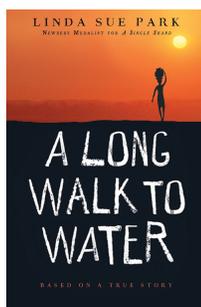
Drums, Girls, Dangerous Pie
by Jordan Sonnenblick



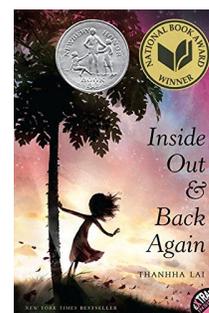
Counting by 7s
by Holly Goldberg Sloan



A Long Walk to Water
by Linda Sue Park



Inside Out & Back Again
by Thanhha Lai



8th Grade Pre-AP ELAR - Summer Reading 2018 Annotation Guide

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Annotating keeps the reader engaged with the text. **It is highly suggested that you annotate your summer reading book. When you return to school, these annotations will help you when you are completing your summer reading assignment.** While you are reading, use one or more of these strategies to mark the book and include your thoughts and questions. If you prefer, use sticky notes or a notebook with the book's page numbers to make your annotations instead of writing in the margins.

***If you are reading an e-book, record your annotations with page numbers in a notebook.

How to annotate?

- Write comments to ask questions, relate to characters, make connections to the grade level thematic subject (choices & consequences), make connections to other texts, and/or world events, etc.
- Write comments about the novel's thematic subject, characters, author's style, plot, word choice, or literary elements.

Suggested annotation strategies:

- Star any passages that are very important: events, decisions, or relationships.
- Underline any sentences that made you think or appealed to you and describe your thinking.
- Circle/highlight words that are unfamiliar or make a list of them in the back of the book.
- Put a question mark by areas that you were confused about or did not fully understand.
- Bracket any sentences that exemplify the thematic subject, author's style, literary elements, or word choice. Write your thoughts about it..

Suggested sentence stems for annotation:

- This part conveys the theme and/or thematic subject because...
- This part about ___makes me wonder __because...
- I was surprised that...
- These are similar because...
- This is similar to___because...
- This character makes me think of
- These are different because...
- What would happen if____...
- This section about_____means...
- The author says ___to convey...
- What does the author mean by _____
- After reading this paragraph, I can now predict that ____because...
- After reading this paragraph, I can now understand why _ because...
- The character is like ___because...
- The author included this because....
- This setting reminds me of _____because....
- This is good because...
- I noticed...
- This is confusing because...
- Now I understand ___because
- This character did ___because...
- This character is connected to _____because....
- The conflict in this scene is...
- The author develops this character by...
- The author uses ___ in order to...
- I wonder...
- Why did...
- The author's use of description shows that _____

Plagiarism:

In order to fully prepare our students for expectations at the collegiate level, plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable. Please refer to the following link for guidance:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>

There are many resources available online, at the library, and in bookstores.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the teachers below. Have a good summer!

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