

St. Thomas More Catholic School

Middle School Summer Reading Assignment

Required Books: Please select one of the books from the 2016 Texas Lone Star Reading List. (See attached)

Dear Incoming 6th, 7th, and 8th graders,

As you enjoy your summer vacation and prepare for the 2016 – 2017 school year, I'm going to ask you to enjoy one book as your summer reading assignment. All middle school students are required to read one book.

After reading the book you are to complete **one** of the projects below. Each option will have two parts: a creating part and a written part. The written part must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font. *NOTE – Not all options may work for every book. Please remember that, as always, your best work is expected and this will be your first graded assignment of the 2016 – 2017 school year. Enjoy your summer vacation and get ready for the new school year.

OPTION 1 – CREATE A FILM POSTER FOR YOUR BOOK AND MOVIE REVIEW

Part 1: Create

On a poster board, create a poster that shows a collage of what is significant about the plot, tone, characters, and theme of the story.

Part 2: Written

Select 5 of the most important characters in the book and decide which real-life actors you would cast to play them in the movie. Using information from the book about the characters to support your choice, write a well-developed paragraph for each character justifying your choice. Make sure you reference the book and the real life actor's career in you paragraph. Then, write a fictional movie review similar to one a movie critic would write. You will need to research movie review to get an idea of how they are written.

OPTION 2 – DESIGN A CD COVER AND BURN A PLAY LIST FOR THE SOUNDTRACK TO YOUR BOOK

Part 1: Create

Design a CD cover that relates to your book. Do not simply copy the cover of the book. Let information from the plot, tone, characters, setting, and theme of the book guide you. Select 3 songs that relate well to the story's characters, plot points, theme, or tone. Burn these songs onto a CD or compile them on a flash drive.

Part 2: Written

For each of the songs you have chosen, explain why you selected the song using information from the book to support your decision. Also include an explanation as to where the song would fit and why.

OPTION 3 – CREATE A MAP

Part 1: Create

Look back closely at the places that were important in your book, and illustrate a map that shows where they all are in relation to one another.

Part 2: Written

Then create a key in which you explain why each place is so important to the story. No less than one well-developed paragraph for each location and be sure to include support from the book.

OPTION 4 – MAKE A MOVIE TRAILER FOR YOUR BOOK

Part 1: Create

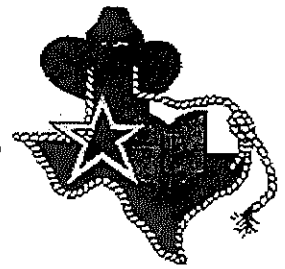
Using software that allows you to create movies, create a movie trailer for your book. The trailer should be no longer than 1 minute. It should include images that represent your book, music that relates to your story, and you speaking about the movie. Such software that does this is: iMovie (Apple), Movie Maker (Windows), and Microsoft Photo Story (this is a free download from Microsoft, simple to use and has enough features such as photo effects, transitions, and the ability to add music and voice).

Part 2: Written

Determine how many “Stars” you would give the book and explain why. Then write a letter to your friend telling them about the best or worst book you have just read and why. Be sure to include support from the book in your letter and reasoning behind the number of “Stars.” Two pages maximum!

YOUR PROJECT IS DUE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016!! ☺

2016 TEXAS LONE STAR READING LIST



Altebrando, Tara. **The Battle of Darcy Lane.** Running Press Kids, 2014.
ISBN: 9780762449484

Brown, Jennifer. **How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel.**
Bloomsbury U.S.A. Children's Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9781619634541

Buckley, Michael. **Undertow.** Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015.
ISBN: 9780544348257

Caine, Rachel. **Ink and Bone.** New American Library, 2015.
ISBN: 9780451472397

Gonzalez, Christina Diaz. **Moving Target.** Scholastic Press, 2015.
ISBN: 9780545773188

Graff, Lisa. **Lost in the Sun.** Philomel Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9780399164064

Hoose, Phillip. **The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club.**
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.
ISBN: 9780374300227

Larson, M.A. **Pennyroyal Academy.** Putnam Publishing Group, 2014.
ISBN: 9780399163241

Laurie, Victoria. **When.** Disney-Hyperion, 2015.
ISBN: 9781484700082

Laybourne, Emmy. **Sweet.** Feiwel & Friends, 2015.
ISBN: 9781250055194

Maetani, Valynne E. **Ink and Ashes.** Tu Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9781620142110

Nielsen, Jennifer A. **A Night Divided.** Scholastic Press, 2015.
ISBN: 9780545682428

Nielsen, Susin. **We Are All Made of Molecules.** Wendy Lamb Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9780553496864

Priest, Cherie. **I Am Princess X.** Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9780545620857

Reynolds, Jason. **The Boy in the Black Suit.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015.
ISBN: 9781442459502

Schreiber, Joe. **Con Academy.** Harcourt Brace and Company, 2015.
ISBN: 9780544320208

Shine, Joe. **I Become Shadow.** Soho Teen, 2014.
ISBN: 9781616953584

Swendson, Shanna. **Rebel Mechanics: All is Fair in Love and Revolution.**
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.
ISBN: 9780374300098

Toten, Teresa. **The Unlikely Hero of Room 13B.** Delacorte Press, 2015.
ISBN: 9780553507867

Yeh, Kat. **The Truth About Twinkie Pie.** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015.
ISBN: 9780316236621

The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books. The Lone Star list is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. The annotated 2016 Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at: <http://www.txla.org/groups/lone-star>.