8th Grade Summer Reading 2020

1) **Choose 3 books to enjoy over the summer.** We recommend the following:

   *I'm Judging You: The Do Better Manual* by Luvvie Ajay

   *The Track Series* by Jason Reynolds

   *Poetry Speaks Who I Am: Poems of Discovery, Inspiration, Independence and Everything Else* by Jennifer A. Nielsen

   *Inkheart Trilogy* by Cornelia Funke

   *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

   *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

   *Life of Pi* by Yan Martel

   *The March Trilogy* by John Lewis

   *Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach

   *You’re Welcome Universe* by Whiney Gardner

   *Internment* by Samira Ahmed

   *Chew on This* by Charles Wilson and Eric Schlosser

   *An American Plague* by Jim Murphy

   *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

2) **Log** your minutes reading on the Nashville Public Library Summer Reading Log (or Readsquared app). Attach a paper log to turn in, or send a screen shot/picture to kathryn.garrett@mnps.org.

3) **Tic-Tac-Toe:** Choose 3 of the activities from the Tic Tac Toe to create a Row of 3 to share your knowledge about each book! This will count for the first homework grade (30 points total). Students can also earn incentives below for what they turn in to their teacher ELA teacher or send to kathryn.garrett@mnps.org by Friday, August 21.

   **How do I earn incentives? Every level you complete earn your prizes!**

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<td><strong>Summer Reading Challenge</strong> Log (600 minutes) = Receive prizes from the public library and one SSA Free pass for a day! (Attach your reading log, or send a screen shot to <a href="mailto:kathryn.garrett@mnps.org">kathryn.garrett@mnps.org</a>)</td>
<td><strong>Summer Reading Log (600 minutes) and ONE Tic-Tac-Toe project is complete</strong> = Library prizes, Isaac Litton Ice Cream Party, and one SSA Free pass for a day. (Attach your project, or send a picture to <a href="mailto:kathryn.garrett@mnps.org">kathryn.garrett@mnps.org</a>)</td>
<td><strong>Summer Reading Log (600 minutes) and ALL THREE Tic-Tac-Toe projects are complete</strong> = Library prizes, Isaac Litton Ice Cream Party, and SSA Free for the month of September! (Attach your projects, or send pictures to <a href="mailto:kathryn.garrett@mnps.org">kathryn.garrett@mnps.org</a>)</td>
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**Tic Tac Toe! Complete ONE project for each book that you read this Summer! Create a row of 3 for your first homework assignment, and each incentive level! All 3 are due Friday, August 21.**

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| Create a Tik Tok (or use a platform of your choice) to create an advertisement for your book! Who should read it? Why? How many stars would you give it? Be sure to share important plot points, without giving away any spoilers! (You can email a link to kathryn.garet@mnps.org, or your homeroom teacher, once the school year has started.) | Pretend to be one of the main characters from your novel and write a diary entry from the character’s point of view. Explain how this character is thinking/feeling about a pivotal event, major decision, etc. Reflect on what is happening as well as how the character may be changed. (Must be one page) | Create a new and fresh cover for your book. Your book cover must include the following things:  
- the title and author  
- at least one picture  
- a summary of the book on the back cover  
The summary must describe the characters and setting, highlight the major events and explain the major problem (but not reveal the ending). The summary should be at least 7 to 10 sentences. |

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| Re-write your version of the ending of the book. You must include a description of the setting, character description and dialogue (conversation between characters), and come up with a NEW solution to the problem that was present in the book.  
The new ending must be at least a paragraph (7 to 10 sentences in length) or longer. | Write a letter to the author of your novel. Explain what you liked and disliked, ask any questions that you have about the story CHARACTERS, explain what you would have changed if you were the author, and mention at least one thing that you will always remember about this novel and why. (The letter should be written in friendly letter format and must be at least one page) | Write a poem or song lyrics that connects to your novel. You can focus on the plot (what happened), characters, or personal connections that you have with this novel.  
*Must be at least 20 lines |

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| Create a “screen shot” of what one of the main character’s social media accounts might look like. Create the account, or draw what it might look like. Be sure to include comments, hashtags, and pictures that you think this character would use. Write a paragraph to explain why you made these choices. | Identify the major conflict (problem) in your book. Then, turn that conflict into an action packed news story.  
The article should include the 5 W’s (who, what, when, where, why) in descriptive detail using specific elements from the book. | Create a collage depicting a theme from the novel. Explain how this collage depicts the theme in a separate paragraph (7 to 10 sentences in length). Use colorful pictures from magazines, print images from the web, or draw your own. |

**Due:** Friday, August 21, 2020