

## Grade 8 Summer Assignment

June 2021

Dear Class of 2022,

I hope everyone enjoys their summer. It is also a great time to read for pure enjoyment and at the same time, continue to gain knowledge.

You are required to read 2 books , one fiction and one non-fiction. The non-fiction novel list is below, and the fiction novel chosen by me is “Seabiscuit” by Laura Your assignments are listed below. These books will count toward your New York State book reading requirement.(25 books for the 2021-2022 school year) ***There is an assignment for each book. All assignments will be graded and counted as a project and exam grade. In addition, these books will be counted toward your New York State reading requirement of 25 books. Plagiarism on any component of an assignment, will result in a zero. Assignments are due on Friday, September 10th, 2021.***

### **Fiction Novel**

SeaBiscuit, Laura Hillenbrand :You will be administered an assessment the week of September 13th, 2021 that will contain reading comprehension , character analysis, short and extended response questions.

### **Nonfiction Book Choices: Choose one of the following:**

Night, Elie Wiesel

Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler’s Shadow, Susan Campbell Bartoletti Bomb: The Race to Build-- and Steal--the World’s Most Dangerous Weapon, Steve Sheinkin

In Harm’s Way: The Sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of Its Survivors, Doug Stanton

Nelson Mandela, Kadir Nelson

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race, Margot Shetterly

Projects: Follow the guidelines below. Choose either Category 1 or Category 2 for the non-fiction novel.

**Category 1. Book Review- After reading one of the books from our list, write a book review using the format below:**

*A book review is a descriptive and critical account of a book. It provides and summarizes and rates the value the book has for potential readers.*

**Format:**

**Paragraph 1:** Introduction: include the setting and introduce the main characters.

**Paragraph 2-3:** Give a brief summary of what happens up until the high point of the story(do not give away the ending).

**Paragraph 4:** Write your opinion of the book. Give examples. What do you like or dislike about the book? Was it too easy to read or too hard? Was it predictable? Did you like the ending?

**Paragraph 5:** Recommendation: would you recommend the book to another student? Explain your reasons why or why not?

Rate the book from 1 to 5 stars.

OR

**Category 2. Illustrated Timeline:(Complete A and B)**

A.Create an illustrated timeline showing the most important events from the book. Choose at least 10 events in the novel. Write a description of each event (3-5 sentences per a description) and draw and color an illustration for each event. The events must be in the order in which they occurred. This can be done electronically through Google Slides.

**\*\*\*\* In an effort to retreat from technology, it is strongly recommended that students purchase or rent from the library the paper copy of their chosen novels, rather than an Electronic Version. This will allow students to make annotations as they are reading.**

**“The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW. The more that you LEARN, the more places you’ll Go.- Dr. Seuss**

*Have fun reading and enjoy your summer!*

*If you have any questions, please email me at [mmcmanus@olqmca.org](mailto:mmcmanus@olqmca.org)*

*Best wishes,  
Miss McManus*