

St. Andrew Catholic School Summer Reading Assignments for Middle School Literature – 2017

6th Grade Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
 Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

*One additional book of your choice from the website below.

7th Grade The Pearl by John Steinbeck
 Nothing but the Truth by Avi

*One additional book of your choice from the website below.

8th Grade Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne & James Houston
 The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

*One additional book of your choice from the website below.

Read the directions carefully.

All assignments for summer reading are due by the second week of the 2017-2018 school year. ALL work MUST have your school heading on it with your name.

*For additional book reading, this is a great website to visit:

<http://www.npr.org/2013/08/05/207315023/the-ultimate-backseat-bookshelf-100-must-reads-for-kids-9-14>

1. For the book of your personal choice, you must do a standard book report. Here is a website to help you with your three (3) paragraphs, hand written in your best cursive. <https://kids.usa.gov/reading-and-writing/book-report/index.shtml>
2. For one of the books assigned, you will do a Venn diagram comparing the main characters of the book. You may use this pdf to print out and do your handwritten work on:
<https://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/venn.pdf>
3. For the other book assigned, create a mind map of the book with at least fifteen bubbles explaining characters, plot, theme, setting, resolution, ending, etc. Here is a great website to review mind mapping:
<http://www.usingmindmaps.com/how-to-mind-map-2.html>

Summer Reading Tips:

- **Read for 20-30 minutes each day.**
- **Keep a few large index cards or sticky notes in the book you are reading and summarize what you have read each day. Keep them in your book to use when you do your assignments.**
- **Write down any questions you may have about a character or characters.**
- **After you read, try to predict what you think will happen next in the story.**

This is a great website for parents to help you with your reading:

<http://www.nhcs.net/trask/Documents/Reading%20Tips%20for%20Parents.pdf>