

CMS Eighth Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Students entering eighth grade in September have one required reading and one free choice reading. The required reading is *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. The free choice book should either come from the 8th grade reading list or be of an equal or higher level of rigor than the books shown on this list. School Library Media Specialist Ms. Paugh and Mrs. DeBiasse developed the list.

When the 2017-2018 year begins, expect to write a short constructed (open-ended) response to a question about the Anne Frank book. This will serve as a baseline assessment in Reading-8. Please also complete three journal entry responses (see attached).

For the free choice book, complete a five by eight inch index card that states: who, what, when, where, and how of the book. Focus on “selling the book” to an audience that includes your peers and me. Explain why should we should either read the book, or skip it. Your response must be substantive, answering the four W and one H questions, and your recommendation to read or skip should be no longer than three sentences. Responses should be typed and pasted on one side of the index card.

The value of reading cannot be overstated. Educational research consistently has shown that independent reading is the single largest determinant of academic success. Knowing that many students read well beyond teachers’ requirements, I ask that you please keep a record of all of the books that you read this summer-- not just the required ones.

All summer reading assignments will be collected during the first full week of school.

I hope that students will find their summer reading experience rewarding and enjoyable, so much so that they will continue to read independently throughout the school year.

Have a great summer!

Mrs. DeBiasse

Reading Teacher

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Central Middle School Stirling, NJ

Summer 2017

Student's Name: _____ Period: _____

Book Title	Author	Assignment
<u>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</u>	Anne Frank	Completed (3 entries, stapled in order of dates)

Other Books:

Book Title	Author	Pages
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

<p><u>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</u></p> <p>Journal Entry Date:</p>	<p>FULL NAME:</p> <p>Period:</p>
<p>Character Trait (adjective): On this side, write a quote that conveys a character trait (1) of Anne. Include the page number. Journal dates must be separated by at least 5 entries.</p>	<p>On this side write your reaction to the following questions:</p> <p>What is she thinking and writing about, or what event or feeling is she writing about? What is the specific situation? Who is involved?</p> <p>Is this a new or old feeling/emotion? Is it a conflict? Explain. Do not simply write yes or no. Explain and provide background information. Support your answer.</p> <p>How might she react differently if she was not in hiding from the Nazis? What circumstances would allow her to react differently?</p>

YOUR REACTIONS OR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS SPECIFIC EVENT. EXPLAIN WHY YOU FELT THIS WAY. HOW DID IT MAKE YOU FEEL? WHY?