

Independent Reading Requirements

English 7 and 8

2010-2011

This year you will again have the opportunity to choose books to read and get credit for them as part of your English grade. One book will be required every six weeks.

****Please choose books you have not read before.**

No reading record of how many pages read per session will be required.

Parents are encouraged to engage in frequent discussions with their child about the book being read. Please ask your child at least five of the questions on the back of this sheet before signing the form.

DUE DATES FOR COMPLETED BOOKS

October 14

November 30

January 20 (classic)

March 8

April 14 (classic)

June 2

Grading: 100% (Form is passed in on the due date indicating parent has discussed five of the questions with student)

It will count as one test grade. Note: five points will be deducted for each day late.

****The acceptable length of a book is 200 pages.**

Reading Award Trophy

We encourage students to read as many books as possible during the year. A trophy will be given (one for each grade) at the award ceremony in June for the student who reads the most number of pages (must have form signed by parent for each book read).

Student Reading Pledge

1. I have read every page of my selected book
2. I will allow myself the full opportunity to get to know my selected book by not allowing a movie or book notes to substitute for my reading.
3. I will schedule daily time for uninterrupted reading.
4. I will carry my book with me all the time at school.
5. **I will choose books I have never read before.**

I verify that I have abided by these guidelines.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Questions to discuss with parent: (Choose at least five and check off)

___ Setting - Where and when did the story take place?

___ What do you think is the reason the author wrote his or her book?

___ Who is the main character(s)? What could be learned from this character?

___ Suspense: Did you wonder what would happen next? How did the author build the action to the climax?

___ Plot: Was the plot believable? Too predictable?

___ What did you like best about the book?

___ What would you change in the book?

___ Would you want to read another book by this author?
Why or why not?

Name of Book _____

Author _____

Number of Pages _____

Print (Your Name) _____

Signed (Your Name) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

NOTE: Student will not receive credit until form is completed (including signatures) and parents have interacted with students on five questions. Five points will be deducted for each day the form is late.