

Summer Reading Information
North Dallas Adventist Academy
Middle School English Department
Grades 6-8

To maintain or even increase language fluency and academic reading levels, students should continue to engage in reading throughout the summer months.

Each year, the NDAA English Department will require students entering grades 6-8 to select a book for summer reading. Students may choose the book from the Advanced Placement Literary Canon (found online) or the Pathfinder's Reading Program, or they may select to read a book of equal literary merit as approved by a parent and the teacher. The book may be a novel, a biography or an autobiography. Though we are requiring students to read one book for which they will be accountable, we recommend they read throughout the summer, finishing more than just the one book. **Students should not select books they have already read.**

During the first six weeks of school, teachers will provide a formal assessment to evaluate the student's understanding of the reading selection. This may take the form of a book report, oral discussion, class project or other assignment. To prepare for the assignment, students should keep a reading journal as they read. Directions for the reading journal will be distributed to students and can be found on the school's website.

If you have any questions about book selection, please feel free to contact your student's English teacher.

Please fill out the attached form, and return it to your student's current English teacher by May 19, 2017.

Sincerely,

Becky Clark

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NDAA English Department

Summer Reading Journal

For each day that you read your summer reading selection, write a one-paragraph (7-9 sentences) response to your reading.

Your response can include all or part of the following:

- ~ Questions you have about the reading
- ~ What happened in the plot/story line
- ~ What you think about the characters
- ~ What the setting is in the reading for the day
- ~ The mood created by the author
- ~ Any notable literary devices
- ~ How the reading relates to the theme of the book
- ~ Any thoughts you have about the reading

Create your journal on your ipad, in a composition notebook or in a journal of your choice.

Reading Form for 2017 Summer Reading

Student's Name

Student's Summer Email Address

Grade Entering for 2017-2018

Name of Book and Author

Parent's Name (Guardian)

Parent's (Guardian's) Summer Email
Address

Parent's (Guardian's) Signature

Student's Signature
