

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Vineland Public Charter School students entering Grade 8 are required to choose TWO grade level appropriate books of their choice, complete the "Summer Reading Information Sheet" for both books, and choose ONE (1) project to complete from the list below.

**DUE DATE:** ALL projects will be due Friday, September 6th and will count towards a project grade.

**SUMMER READING DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. READ A MINIMUM OF TWO GRADE LEVEL APPROPRIATE BOOKS**
- 2. COMPLETE AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR EACH BOOK (Found on the last pages of this packet.)**
- 3. COMPLETE ONE PROJECT BASED ON ONE OR BOTH BOOKS.**

**Project Suggestions:** (You may choose 1 of these or complete a project of your choice)

- **Journal** - Write a journal about the main characters' experiences.
- **Model** - Create a "to scale" model about your book.
- **News Story** - Write a front- page news story about an important incident from the book. Make sure to include the "who, what, where, when, and why" in your opening. Then draw a "photo" to accompany your story.
- **Board Game** - Create a board game or computer game based on characters or events from the book. Include clearly written instructions, and any game pieces needed to play.
- **Cast Characters** - Put together a cast for the film version of the book. Explain why you selected each cast member.
- **Collage** - Using words and pictures cut out magazines, newspapers, as well as paint or draw to create a collage illustrating the plot, theme, characters, or setting from the book.
- **Essay** - write a 5 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting an element of both books (ex: theme, point of view, characters, etc.)
- **Video/ Commercial Record** and create a video about the book

**Projects will be graded as follows:**

- **4 (A)** All required components plus makes deeper connections and/or justifies your thinking
- **3 (B)** ALL required components (Read 2 books, completed 2 information sheets- 1 for each book, and completed a project based on 1 or both books
- **2 (C)** Missing 1 requirement
- **1 (D)** Missing multiple requirements
- **0 (F)** Did not complete project

**SUMMER READING INFORMATION SHEET (Book 1)**

**Directions: Please complete an information sheet for EACH of the books you selected for Summer Reading.**

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF BOOK 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not? Can you think of a better title?**

**\* Choose one of these two starters and complete it below: If I could be any character in the book, I would be \_\_\_\_\_ because... or When I finished the book, I still wondered ....**

**\* How did the book relate to you? Was there a favorite chapter, or quote that appealed to you? Did you learn something new? Explain.**

**\* What is the opening sentence in the book? How does it relate to the book? \***

**How were the two books you read connected?**

**SUMMER READING INFORMATION SHEET (Book 2)**

**Directions: Please complete an information sheet for EACH of the books you selected for Summer Reading.**

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF BOOK 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTHOR** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not? Can you think of a better title?**

**\* Choose one of these two starters and complete it below: If I could be any character in the book, I would be \_\_\_\_\_ because... or When I finished the book, I still wondered ....**

**\* How did the book relate to you? Was there a favorite chapter, or quote that appealed to you? Did you learn something new? Explain.**

**\* What is the opening sentence in the book? How does it relate to the book? \***

**How were the two books you read connected?**