

Crossroads Academy

Incoming Eighth Grade Required Summer Reading & Writing

In seventh grade, many of the books we studied focused on the theme of freedom. In English 8, our essential question for the year is “What is justice?” To transition from one theme to another, there are two required readings this summer.

1. Read *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. You may check the book out of a library, buy a copy to keep, or borrow a copy from Crossroads Academy. This book is on order; it should be available on loan from Crossroads after July 1. Please contact Mr. Glazer if you would like to borrow a copy.
2. Read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee. This book is also available on loan from Crossroads Academy. **I recommend that students read this book in August, as it will be the first one discussed in English 8 class in the fall. Read this book actively and carefully!**
3. Read a biography (or autobiography) of a heroic person who lived at any time from the Great Depression to the present. The subject of the book must be an individual who actually lived, not a character in a story. The person you choose may represent any area of expertise, including science, mathematics, literature, music, art, and politics.

A heroic person is an individual who promoted real change for the good of the world during his/her time period, and lived an exemplary life by practicing essential virtues, such as perseverance, courage, justice, honesty, or self-discipline. **Please bring a copy of this book with you for the first few weeks of school as this book will serve as the subject of your first composition assignment.**

4. Reading is the cornerstone of scholarship and academic success. Read at least one additional full-length book of your choice.
5. **Required Reading Response:** You will keep a record of your reading on the attached form. If you read more than the required books, attach a list of titles and authors to this form. **Please be sure the form is filled out completely and bring it with you to English class on the first day of school.**
6. Please note that you will receive a grade for your summer reading. If you read the minimum number of three books you will receive a grade of B. Reading more than the basic requirement and recording what you read will help you to earn a higher grade.

Crossroads Academy Required Summer Reading Form

_____ has completed the following summer reading:
(Student's Name)

1. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

2. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

3. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

4. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

5. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

6. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

7. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____