

HERITAGE OAK

Private Education

8th Grade Summer Reading 2009

This summer, it is essential that students continue stretching their minds and developing their learning. The ideal practice to support such a goal comes from reading; thus, students are required to read two books this summer. Please refer to the list below, choose two books to read, and complete the study assignment. This assignment is due the first day of school in September.

Reading Choices

Please choose **two** books that interest you the most.

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac
(Level - 6.7) ISBN- 0-8037-2921-9

The Island by Gary Paulsen
(Level - 5.7) ISBN- 0-439-78662-2

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
(Level - 5.1) ISBN- 0-06-053092-8

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli
(Level -4.6) ISBN- 0-375-81374-8

Fever: 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
(Level -4.4) ISBN- 0-689-83858-1

Assignment

For each text, write a one page **reader's response**, commenting on your overall reaction to the book. Focus on your favorite character(s) or favorite moments in the novel, and anything else that catches your attention. Also, please comment on what you think the author's purpose was for writing the book. Finally, be prepared for further evaluation of the book the first week of school.

Format

Submit all work typed with a 12pt font, double-spaced on 8 ½ x 11 paper.
Include a cover page with name, grade, date completed, and titles read.

Accelerated Reader

In addition to each reading assignment, you need to take an AR test for both books. If you receive an 85% or higher, the AR points will go toward your 1st quarter goal. The points will also go toward Mrs. Kimmel's 1000 point club.

Your work will serve as your first Language Arts grade and as the first entry to your 2009-2010 portfolio.

I acknowledge receipt of the summer reading assignment for my child.

Name _____ Grade for 2009-10 _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and return no later than May 29, 2009. (Return bottom portion only.)