

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

2018-2019 School Year

**SUMMER READING IS OPTIONAL NOT MANDATORY**

**Pick something to read that you'll enjoy!**

**It is recommended that you choose a minimum of one (1) book, magazine article, comic book, piece of poetry, etc. to read over the summer.**

For the reading(s), complete:

✓ *An Annotation Guide*

A. If completed, print, fill out and turn in on the first day of school.

B. e-versions of the *Annotation Guide* are attached below.

- If completed, these can be completed in full, saved, and emailed to me - or shared with me on a *Google Doc* at any point over the summer.

*Notes:*

- The best way to complete the Annotation Guides is to fill them out as you are reading.
- Students can use required summer reading books from other subjects for this assignment.

## **Recommended Alternate Option**

- The student can submit an official certificate of completion from his local summer reading program.

Suggested Book List: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-reading-list>

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions:

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