

Rising 8th Grade ELA Summer HW

STEP 1: READ for JOY!

a) Audiobooks & ebooks/Kindle reading is great! If using audiobooks, please be sure to have your EYES ON TEXT, too. Of course, print books are also *still* in style :)

b) *Need recommendations?*

Use hyperlinked book lists below to find some great recommendations!

[Book Riot](#) - great nonfiction recommendations!

Brightly lists for [TWEENS](#) & [TEENS](#)

[School Library Journal](#) - novels, nonfiction, poetry focused on social justice topics

[Fantasy & Sci-Fi](#) books!

c) *Need books?*

- You can get a temporary, digital library card immediately from NYPL.org
- Download app Simply E OR Libby onto your phone to access ebooks & audiobooks (Log in using the library card barcode & password)
- Go to your local New York Public Library branch
- purchase books – **thriftbooks.com** or **bookshop.org** or a physical bookstore

STEP 2: Create ONE Flipgrid **OR** write TWO jots

Click this link: <https://flip.com/fbe79313>

Post a **ONE MINUTE video** that includes:

- i) Titles & authors of the books you are reading this summer
- ii) Which book are you currently loving OR read quickly because it was so great
- iii) 1-2 sentence overview of the book
- iv) Something else – OPTIONS:
 - (1) A favorite passage (2-3 sentences you loved in the book) & what you like about it (the literary devices, description of character/setting, connections it leads you to make, etc)
 - (2) Questions about life or the world that the book got you thinking about.
 - (3) Connection to a show or movie or other book
 - (4) What you're reading next
 - (5) Any other info that would get someone INTERESTED in reading this book
- v) **SPREAD JOY!** Comment on TWO other videos :)

NOTE: If you choose jots, be sure each jot has TWO quotes & TWO DIFFERENT structures for each.

STEP 3: Open the JOT DOC attached & add a photo of yourself & your Summer Book Stack photo (see example below) of yourself holding the books you read this summer. If you read Ebooks, you could create simple covers with paper to hold up instead.



Pic & Jot Doc

If you choose this option **INSTEAD** of FLIPGRID, make a copy of **this doc!**

YOU + YOUR
STACK GO HERE



Jot Expectations:

- Heading (include title & author)
- Clear structure (table, web, or boxes & bullets)
- Choose 1-2 literary devices to focus on: characterization, conflict, setting, theme
- Use at least TWO quotes
- 2+ sentences of analysis
 - This shows...
 - This suggests...

- This leaves me thinking...

NOTE: If you choose this option, do TWO jots - one from beginning of book & one more toward middle/end. Yes, that means you can do TWO jots on the SAME book.

JOT BELOW OR post a [Flipgrid](#):