

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment Requirements: 3 Parts

1. **First, Read EITHER *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel OR *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand** (Recommended: The Young Adult Adaptation OR you may read the Original Full-Length Book if you are up to it) and then **complete the GoogleForm in the 8th Grade Summer Reading Google Classroom.**

2. **Next, CHOOSE ONE classic to read from this list:**

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Call of the Wild by Jack London

Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Hidden Figures (full text OR Young Readers Edition) by Margot Lee Shutterly

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Each of these books is considered a "classic" piece of literature. After reading the book, **submit a typed response in the 8th Grade Summer Reading Google Classroom** to the following questions in MLA format (double-spaced Times New Roman, 12 pt font). Each question should be answered in a paragraph. A strong completed assignment will:

- Be at least two pages long
- Answer each question in a paragraph using complete sentences.
- Support your ideas with specific QUOTED EXAMPLES from the text
- Will not use any outside resources other than the novel.
- ***CITE the version of the book you read (author, title, publication year)

1. Do you think this book deserves to be considered a classic? Why or why not?
2. Although this is an older book or about a time that is not recent, does it connect to your life experience and/or events in the world today? Explain.
3. Do you think the characters in this book are realistic and relatable? Why or why not?
4. What is a big decision that a main character had to make? What influenced their decision? Would you have made the same decision? Why or why not?

3. **Finally, AFTER YOU have read your CLASSIC book selection, watch a movie version of the book you read. Write a well-organized one page response** discussing **three** similarities and **three** differences between the book and the movie. What do you think was better about the movie? What was better about the book? Be sure to say which version of the movie you watched! (Title, Year, Director). Your response should be submitted in the dropbox in the **8th Grade Summer Reading Google Classroom.**