

SUMMER READING 2017-2018

DUE DATE:

MIDDLE SCHOOL = September 5th

HIGH SCHOOL = September 6th

ASSESSMENT:

MIDDLE SCHOOL = Book Study packet (online test will be bonus option)

HIGH SCHOOL = Online test (Book Study packet will be bonus option)

This assessment will count as a substantial grade in the English class!

READING LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

	ATOS book "level"	<i>Minimum</i> number of "points"
Students entering grade 7	4.3 – 7.5	10
Students entering grade 8	4.5 – 8.0	10
Students entering grade 9	4.6 – 9.0	11
Students entering grade 10	4.7 – 10.0	11
Students entering grade 11	4.8 – 11.0	12
Students entering grade 12	4.9 – 12.0	12

STEPS TO SELECTING AN AR BOOK:

Step 1 – Find a Book

- Choose an "Accelerated Reader (AR)" book from over 200,000 titles.
- You may not choose a novel which has been used in previous classes – ex. *Hatchet* (which is read in sixth grade typically)
- Directions on how to select an AR book based on reading level:
 - In order to see if a book has an AR test associated with it, open an internet search browser – ex. Google Chrome or internet explorer.
 - Type www.arbookfind.com – this will open the ARBookFinder program.
 - Click on the 'student' radio button, and click 'submit.'
 - Click on the 'Advanced Search' tab.
 - Under 'Quiz Type' select 'Reading Practice.'
 - Under 'Interest Level' select the below level based on what grade you are entering...
 - *If you are entering grade 7-8 select 'Middle Grades Plus (MG+6 and up).'
 - *If you are entering grade 9-12 select 'Upper Grades (UG 9-12).'
 - Under 'ATOS Book Level' select the book level which corresponds with the grade you are entering (use chart above).

- Under 'Additional Criteria' you may choose any 'Topics' or 'Subtopics' that you want to limit your search. For ex. 'fairy tales'
- Select 'Fiction' in the drop down box.
- Select 'English' in the drop down box.
- Click 'Go.'
- The search will provide titles of books that have AR tests for your reading range. You may select any of these books to read over the summer months, provided the points are met. (For example – If your total required points is 10, you can read one book within your reading level that has a point value of 10 or more, OR you can choose any *combination* of books which totals 10 points.)

Step 2: Where to Get Your Book

- Go to the local library (or purchase your own copy of the book). Both community libraries have been notified of this summer reading program process. Books cannot be borrowed from our school library over the summer. There are a limited number of paperback novels available in the school library for students to select on a first-come-first-serve basis. Stop by the library before the last day of school.
- ANDREW BAYNE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
34 N. Balph Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202
412-766-7447
Hours = M&W 10am-8pm; T&Th 10am-6pm; F 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun closed
- AVALON PUBLIC LIBRARY
317 S. Home Ave., Avalon, PA 15202
412-761-2288
Hours = M&W 10am-6pm; T&Th 12pm-8pm; F 10am-5pm; Sat 9am-4pm; Sun closed
- NORTHGATE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
Regular book check-out is not available, but select novels have been compiled for your use if you prefer. If you would like to take a look at the selection, make sure you do so before the last day of school.

Step 3: Read Your Book

- Read your AR book throughout the summer! Take notes, so you remember the details of what you read! Middle school students *must* use the enclosed book talk packet to take notes, and high school students *may* use this note taking option as well.