

St. Albert the Great Summer Reading 2017

For students going into **8th grade**

This is a list of titles for your summer reading. You need to read **ONE** book from this list that you have not read before. While reading the book, you are to **annotate** the book using the format shown on the attached sheet. The book, with annotation, is due the first week you return to school.

Book Titles

Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Little Women by Louisa Mary Alcott

Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Echo by Pam Munoz Ryan

****If you have a book selection not on the list you would like to discuss with Mrs. Clayton, please email her to discuss****

DO NOT DEVIATE from the list without prior approval!

Grade 8 Summer Reading Book Assignment

- Please follow these directions **CAREFULLY!** Your assignment is due the first week of school, and I look forward to sharing with you what you discover through your reading. Have fun reading this summer.
- You must **purchase a copy of the title** you choose to read this summer, as you will be annotating your book while reading. You will write in the margins as you annotate.
- **Annotation means taking notes!** It means slowing down while you read in order for you to better understand what you read.
- It does not mean highlight while you read.
- Circle words you do not know -- but want to learn.
- Circle words that are curious to you -- that are new, creative, figurative language, sensory and/or expressive words.
- Underline sentences that stick with you. A quote that hits you for some certain reason. Perhaps you want to share it with Mrs. Clayton when we return in August.
- Star something you don't quite understand or have a question about.
- Make an asterisk where you have a text to self, a text to society, a text to nature, etc connection.
- Mark something that you agree with or even something you disagree with -- mark your opinion and own it!
- Draw your reaction -- are you visualizing the protagonist or the antagonist? Sketch them out in the margins. It is a wonderful way to annotate with a different medium.
- Check mark something you understand -- make a connection to the story that helped you understand.
- Annotating is different and unique for each person in what you need to annotate because you make connections on a personal level.
- You will be responsible for bringing the book the first week of school with the annotations in the book. We will be sharing the books and annotations throughout the first two weeks of school. I expect there to be many annotations in every chapter. How many is dependent on your style, effort, need and learning.