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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Success for next school year should begin this summer. When your child enters 7th grade this August at Shaker Heights Middle School, a rich and exciting learning experience awaits your student in Language and Literature. Getting into the habit of reading each day will increase reading skills and expose students to the larger world of literature.

Students entering 7th grade English are required to read at least two novels over the summer. We encourage students to read books that are of interest to them and that are appropriate in terms of reading level. Local librarians are available to assist you in your selections. Upon their return to school in the fall, students will be expected to complete an assignment that relates to their summer reading. This assignment will be collected during the first week of school and will focus on literary elements (character, plot, conflict, setting, theme, etc.). The assignment is enclosed with this letter.

The Language and Literature Department is dedicated to working with students and parents to foster an appreciation of reading. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Stacey Bain (7th Grade Department Chair, bain_s@shaker.org).

Thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

Sincerely,

7th Grade Language and Literature Teachers

7th Grade Language and Literature
Summer Reading
Choice Board

Based on one of the novels you read this summer, choose one of the following assignments to complete and submit by **Friday, August 30th**. The assignment should be completed using Google Docs.

<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #1</p> <p>Change the Ending: Write a short summary of your book. Then write a one page different ending to the story. Remember to stay true to the characters and the theme of the book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #2</p> <p>Book Critique - Write a 1 page book critique based on your novel. The book critique must give a brief summary of the novel. Include what specifically you liked and didn't like about this book and whether or not you would recommend it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #3</p> <p>Rap or Poem: Create a rap or a poem from the perspective of the main character that expresses how they feel about a major event in the novel. Be creative in the style of your writing. Attach a paragraph explaining how your poem or rap connects to the story.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #4</p> <p>Soundtrack: Create an itunes list (or if an Android user, music list) of at least 4 songs that represent themes, characters, and/or events in the story. Explain how each song choice connects with your novel. Each explanation should be a paragraph in length.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #5</p> <p>Journal Entry: Write 2 journal entries from the perspective of the main character describing 2 major events in the novel. Explain what happened and how the character was feeling and what they were thinking. Each entry should be a half page in length.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #6</p> <p>Comic: Create a 6 panel comic strip of your favorite part of the novel. Include dialogue or thought balloons to show what the characters say or think that part. The project should be colorful - no pencil.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #1</p> <p>Book Trailer - Using technology of your choice (your phone, MovieMaker, video camera..), create a book trailer based on the plot of your novel. Think about movie trailers that you have seen on Youtube or T.V and how the information is presented to the viewer. Make sure to hint toward the theme and climax, but don't give it away. You're trying to convince the viewer to read the book. The book trailer should last approximately two minutes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #2</p> <p>Book Critique - Write a book critique based on your novel. The book critique must give a brief summary of the novel and an explanation of the theme. Include what specifically you liked and didn't like about this book and whether or not you would recommend it. Support your critique with 2-3 direct quotes from your novel.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #3</p> <p>Change the Ending: Write a short summary of your book. Then write a one page different ending to the story. Remember to stay true to the characters and the theme of the book.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #4</p> <p>Soundtrack: Create an itunes list (or if an Android user, music list) of at least 5 songs that represent themes, characters, and/or events in the story. Using direct quotes, explain how each song choice connects with your novel.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #5</p> <p>Google Slide: Use Google Slides to create a presentation analyzing the theme as they relate to the following elements: the setting, the plot, and the main characters of the story. Using direct quotes, explain how each element connects with your novel.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Choice #6</p> <p>Google Site: Design a website with games, recommended readings, themes, and/or topics related to the character/theme of the story. Using direct quotes, explain how each element connects with your novel.</p>