

A.E. Phillips Summer Reading Assignment

8th Grade

Students entering 8th grade at A.E. Phillips need to read at least 2 books this summer. Students are required to read *The Outsiders* and select one of the novels listed below.

Book #1 - *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

Books #2 - Self-selected novels (choose one of the following):

- *The Help* by Katherine Stockett
- *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling (or any in the series)
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer L. Holm
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *Life as We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
- *The Best Man* by Richard Peck
- *The Secret Keeper* by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk
- *Etiquette and Espionage* by Gail Carringer
- *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading* by Tom Greenwald
- *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz (or any in the Alex Rider series)
- *We Were Liars* by Cadence Sinclair
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
- *Grenade* by Alan Gratz

1. Assignment for required reading:

- Read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. As you read the book, annotate to summarize the book. Note: WHO? WHAT? WHEN? WHERE? WHY? throughout the book.
- During the first week of school you will take an AR test on this book.
- A grade will be taken for the AR test and the summary annotations.

2. Assignment for self-selected novels:

- Do not choose a book you have already read.
- Bring a copy of this book for the first week of school. You will use the book for a project. DO NOT prepare the project ahead of time. You will receive information about the project when you return to school.
- During the first week of school you will take an AR test on this book.
- A grade will be taken for both the projects and the AR tests. (If you have already taken the AR test on the book, you have already read the book. Which means you will get a 0 for summer reading!)

* Bring the book *The Outsiders* and your self-selected novels to school in the fall. We will be using the books in class to study and take tests.

Have a great summer. See you in August!