

Advanced Math and Science Academy Charter School Summer Reading

Students Entering Grade 8

1. Select and read **three books** of your choosing from the list below.
2. Complete **three** literature log responses for **each book**, as described below.
3. Have a great summer!

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck

Buried Onions by Gary Soto

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

Warriors of Alavna by N.M. Browne

A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin

Literature Log Directions:

- You **MUST** read and keep a literature log for 3 of the summer reading books.
- For **EACH** book you need to have 3 responses in your log.
- You are **NOT** allowed to use any one prompt more than once.
- You are to type your literature logs (unless the prompt asks for artwork) and they must contain the book title and author at the top of the page.

Literature Log Prompts:

1. If the protagonist was an animal, what would he/she be and why?
2. Write an alternate ending or plot event to substitute for an actual plot event.
3. Choose a character. What reality TV show would he/she be most likely to appear on and why?
4. Choose a pet for one of the characters and explain why this pet would be a good companion for the character.
5. Would you like to visit (you wouldn't have to move there permanently!) the setting of the novel? Why or why not? Don't forget that setting includes time period.
6. Draw a map of the setting and include several plot events.

7. Write a movie “pitch” to a producer explaining why the story would make a great movie.
8. Create an ad slogan for the book. Include visuals to go along with your slogan.
9. Write a dialogue between two different characters in two different novels.
10. Create a fictional event in the childhood of one of the characters.
11. Write a news article (including who, what, when, where, why & how) about an event in the novel.
12. Pick one of the characters from the book and ascribe to them one of the signs of the zodiac. In a well formed paragraph, describe why they would be this particular astrological sign. You must do a little research on the different signs of the zodiac to be familiar with the character traits.
13. Write a poem about a major event in the book. It does not have to follow a particular pattern but it should be insightful and substantial.
14. Create a music playlist for the book. You must make a playlist of 10 songs. You have to write a minimum of 3 sentences explaining why you choose this song by either relating it to tone, mood, a plot event, a character or other element of the book.
15. Create a diary/journal for the character. You must have a minimum of 3 short entries from a character’s point of view in response to 3 separate plot events or characters in the book.
16. Superhero/Villain: This is an artist’s choice. Draw a character as a superhero or as a villain. Their “power” should be based on their personality traits. Also, remember that colors can be very symbolic. You must write a paragraph describing why you made them this way. No pencil!
17. Scene Rendering: Yet, another Artist’s choice! You are to pick a pivotal setting from the book and illustrate this. The medium is up to you!
18. Collage: Create a collage for the book using key words, pictures and symbols from magazines.
19. Cartoon Strip: Create a cartoon strip based on the events and characters of the book. This can be in pen and ink but not in pencil!
20. Advice Column: Devise questions that characters from the book may ask and advice columnist. Then you get to play the fun part of answering the questions. Have fun and come up with a creative name: “Dear ?”