



8TH GRADE SUMMER READING

ENGLISH SKILLS 8 ASSIGNMENT

THE GOAL

To choose a book from a list of popular books to read—and hopefully enjoy—over the summer.

OVERVIEW

Step 1 - Choose a book to read from the four choices below.

Step 2 - Read the book over the summer (by August 1st)

Step 3 - Fill out a Google Form about the book for credit.

DIRECTIONS

Step 1 - Choose a book from the choices below.

- With a parent or guardian, take a look at the following book descriptions and choose a book that you think you would enjoy reading.

Book	Description
<i>The Giver</i> , by Lois Lowry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genre - Sci-Fi• Reading Difficulty - At grade level (more challenging)• The Giver is a morally driven and interesting story about a young boy called Jonas who lives in a society free of crime and sadness. At the age of 12, children are assigned their jobs, which they will train for and do for the rest of their lives. Everything is chosen; from your parents to your partner.
<i>Fish in a Tree</i> by Lynda Mullaly Hunt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genre - Realistic Fiction• Reading Difficulty - Easier• Ally, who has dyslexia, is smart and talented but can't read due to her disability. Her family moves around because of her father's military job, so she transfers schools often. Ally does everything she can to avoid writing and reading tasks; she uses humor, misbehavior, and feigned sickness to distract from her learning difficulty.
<i>Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone</i> by J.K. Rowling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genre - Fantasy• Reading Difficulty - Medium• Harry Potter, a boy who learns on his eleventh birthday that he is the orphaned son of two powerful wizards and possesses unique magical powers of his own. He is summoned from his life as an unwanted child to become a student at Hogwarts, an English boarding school for wizards.
<i>The Westing Game</i> by Ellen Raskin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genre - Mystery• Reading Difficulty- At grade level (more challenging)• 16 heirs to Sam Westing's fortune assemble at the Sunset Towers apartment building where they're organized into pairs and charged with solving a puzzle. The heirs are hoping to gain control of his business and win millions of dollars.

Step 2 - Read the book over the summer (by August 1st)

Here are some suggestions of when you could read:

- Two days a week for 45 minutes
- At night before you go to bed
- With a parent or guardian a few days a week
- Early in the morning before the day has begun
- When you are by yourself and can find a quiet space
- In the car (if you don't get too carsick!)
- Waiting rooms for appointments
- On long trips
- Whenever you have any down-time

Step 3 - Fill out a Google Form about the book for credit.

- Here is the link to the Google Form that you will be filling out: <https://forms.gle/GFsLPM7ZMitInqxR9>

OTHER DETAILS

- If you are having trouble reading your book, think about getting the audiobook and following along (Sometimes, you can find free audiobooks on YouTube.).
- Please email jruprecht@wcastl.org if you have any questions regarding the assignment.