

Projects

Eighth graders are expected to read two books this summer and complete one project about one of the books.

1. Interview a Book Character

Select a character from a book you have read. Create a list of 10 questions you would ask that character if you were interviewing him for a news show. Pretend that you are the character and answer the questions as the character would.

2. Create a Scrap Book of the Book

While you are reading a book, create scrap book pages for each important event in the story. Your scrap book should be at least 4 pages long. Each page should include a picture that goes along with the event and at least one paragraph explaining it.

3. Create a Book Jacket

After you have read a book, create a book cover or jacket for it. Include the title, author, a picture, a one page summary, and information about the author.

4. Create a Collage

After you have read a book, create a collage using cut out pictures, drawings, and words that displays the theme of the book. You may have to draw your own images. Then include 3-4 quotes from the book with page numbers on your collage.

More project ideas and resources are available at:

<http://www.trenton.k12.nj.us/read/>

Improving Your Reading Skills in Middle School

Remembering Information

If you have trouble remembering facts from your reading, take notes. This will help you develop the skills to retain information.

Vocabulary

If you don't know what words mean, you will not understand what you are reading. Write down the words you find in your reading that you do not know. Check their meaning in the dictionary.

Do You Still Need Help?

If you still need some help, you may need to find a tutor. The public library or your school may be able to help you find someone to help you improve your reading.

Summer Reading Program

Entering Eighth Grade

A Guide To Summer Reading



Trenton Public Schools
Trenton, New Jersey

Recommended Books for 8th Grade

Avi	Fighting Ground
Cisneros, Sandra	"Eleven"
Curtis, Christopher Paul	The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963, or Bucking the Sarge
Davies, Nicola	Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth
Freedman, Russell	Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycotts
Funke, Cornelia	The Thief Lord
Gaiman, Neil	Coraline (<i>The graphic novel</i>), or The Graveyard Book
Goodrich, Frances and Hackett, Albert	The Diary of Anne Frank: A Play
Hamilton, Virginia	Cousins
Hiaasen, Carl	Flush
Lubar, David	Hidden Talents
Lupica, Mike	Sports Series - Heat, or Million-Dollar Throw

Myers, Walter Dean	The Greatest: Biography of Muhammad Ali
Peck, Richard	A Long Way from Chicago, Or A Year Down Yonder
Robinson, Sharon	Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By
Sleator, William	The Duplicate
Spinelli, Jerry	Wringer
Steinbeck, John	Travels with Charley: In Search of America

If you need assistance finding additional books for summer reading, please consult your local librarian.

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Finding Books to Read

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