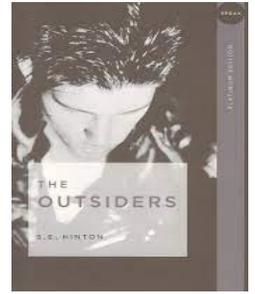


Grade 8 Summer Reading Information:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." -Joseph Addison

"Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life." -Mortimer J. Adler



Student writers expand their knowledge as they read more and more. Your eighth grade Language Arts teachers want you to relax and read some great books this summer! This year, every incoming Grade 8 student will be reading the same book: ***The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.**

These are the questions you will be asked to respond to within the first week of school. We recommend that you take notes on each of these bullet points as you read so you will be prepared to complete the Grade 8 Summer Reading assignment in September!

- Describe a memorable character from your book. Choose **a quote or two** from the text that reveals important qualities about this character.
- Describe how a character in your book has overcome adversity/hardship. **In what ways** did the character overcome this challenge or hardship? Be specific.
- In your opinion, what is the most important theme of the book? What **message** does the author put out through writing this book? Write about **three** specific examples from the story that support that theme.
- Write down three (3) facts about the author. This information can be found on the book jacket or on the internet.
- Devise three (3) questions that you would like to ask the author of the book that cannot be answered by reading the book – “deeper” questions.
- Did the book satisfy your expectations? Please describe what you liked about it and what you did not like about it. Be specific.

NOTE: In September, you will be completing an in-class project based on *The Outsiders*. Therefore, make sure your notes are sufficiently detailed so you can complete the assignment. We also look forward to having a class discussion with you about *The Outsiders* after summer vacation! See you in September!