

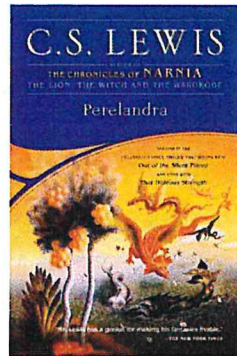
Summer Reading Activities Rising 8th Grade 2018



It is time to travel to a place you've never experienced.
Start your summer reading adventure!

In order to complete your travel guide you are required to read one fiction book and one non-fiction book of your choice from the list below.

Fiction options:

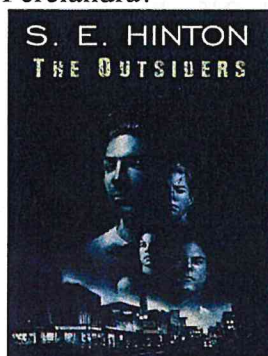


be judged a hooligan because of his clothes and hair, but who in fact gets good grades at school and loves books and films”(TheGuardian.com). What could happen to such a paradoxical young man?

Perelandra by C.S. Lewis

BL: 7.3 Points: 15

“The second novel in Lewis's science fiction trilogy, tells of Dr. Ransom's voyage to the paradise planet of Perelandra, or Venus, which turns out to be a beautiful Eden-like world. He is horrified to find that his old enemy, Dr. Weston, has also arrived and is putting him in grave peril once more (Amazon.com)”. What will happen to them and Perelandra?



The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

BL: 4.7 Points: 7

“The novel is narrated from the perspective of fourteen-year-old Ponyboy, a ‘greaser’ who could easily

Fiction book: please complete ONE of the following projects to be presented in class. You will take a quiz on the book the first day back to school. You can read more than one book over the summer and earn credit for AR.

Project One: Story Map On a poster OR multimedia source (Power point, Pages, Keynote) please show your understanding of the book on the story map. Be as detailed as possible in your story map. Include the following:

- Exposition or opening. Please include the Setting, characters, and the problem.
- Rising action. Rising action is the series of events that lead to the climax: conflicts or struggles.
- Climax. A climax is a moment of great excitement in the plot of a story that leads to the conclusion.
- Falling Action. The falling action in a work of literature is the sequence of events that follow the climax.
- Resolution is the part of the story's plot line in which the problem of the story is resolved or worked out.

OR

Project Two: Book trailer - Just like a movie trailer, a book trailer tells the story in a way that touches on the highlights, but sells the audience on wanting to experience it. There are many resources you can use on an iPad.

OR

Project Three: "Movie" poster - Draw or use images from magazines, newspapers, printed from online, etc. Choose important quotes, create taglines, and provide a brief synopsis to "sell" the story to the potential audience. This must be poster sized and come with a book review written as it would be done for a magazine.

OR

Project Four: Book Report- See the format below. Please type your answers in complete sentences.

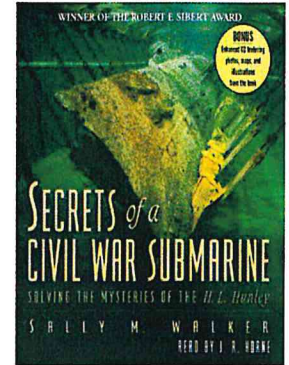
Topic	Points
I. Setting A. What is the setting for this book? Include in your answer: a. Where does most of the action take place? b. Give a description of what this place is like c. What time period does most of the action take place in? d. Why do you think the author chose to set the story in this particular place?	5 points
II. Protagonist A. Who or what is the protagonist (main character)? Include in your answer What do you think the character looks like? a. Give a description of the characters personality. b. Give an example of one of his or her good traits.	5 points
III. Plot A. In 6-8 sentences, summarize the book's plot. Be sure to use mostly complex and compound-complex sentence structures. Include in your answer: a. What is the protagonist's goal? b. Why is he or she trying to accomplish this goal? B. Who or what is the antagonist? (the person/thing challenging the protagonist) c. What is the turning point in the story that leads to the story's outcome?	15 points
IV. Themes or Messages A. What are the big ideas which indicate the point the author is making about life? b. Give two examples (scenes) from the story that show the point the author is making.	5 points

Required Non-Fiction Reading: Students should select ONE of the titles below which they have NOT read. No abridged versions allowed.

***Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H. L. Hunley*
By Sally M. Walker**

BL: 8.2 Points: 4

“In 1864, the H.L. Hunley was the first submarine ever to sink a ship in battle, but something went wrong. The Hunley and her crew never returned from the battle. Then in 1995 this ship made history once again, when it was discovered on the ocean floor. Discover how archaeologists pieced together the fascinating story of this ship and her crew.”



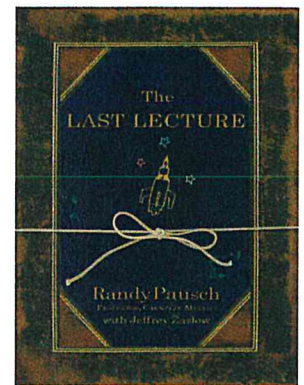
***The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch**

BL: 6.3 Points: 7

"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand."

--Randy Pausch

“A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy?”



Book title & Author	Total points and comments
I. Subject: A. Who or what is this book about? Write 6-8 complex and compound-complex sentences.	10 points
II. Organization A. List (bullets okay) any type of illustrations, content pages, graphics, charts, timelines, etc. The list does not need to exceed ten. Complete sentences are not necessary.	10 points
III. Important facts A. What are three important facts you learned from this book? Bullet or number them. Make sure to use complete sentences.	5 points
IV. Important Information & Surprises A. What is the most important information that you learned about this subject? B. What are two things that surprised you about this book?	5 points
V. Personal Review A. Did events and people in the book hold your interest? Why or why not? B. Did you enjoy the author's writing style? Why or why not? C. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?	10 points

