



**CAMPUS: ALL**

**COURSE: GRADES 7-8 HONORS ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE**

Boerne ISD believes that the key to being a great reader is to read extensively, and the key to being a great writer is through exposure to great writing. Reading is not solely reserved for the school year; life-long learning stems from becoming a life-long reader. Summer provides time to enjoy uninterrupted reading that allows students to absorb and contemplate ideas from their reading experience in preparation for beginning of the school year literary discussions. Summer reading and the subsequent in-class assignments give students a strong foundation to build upon as they move through the Boerne ISD English Language Arts program. **It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make the appropriate selection when students are asked to self-select texts for independent reading.**

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Dear Boerne ISD Middle School Students and Parents,

In Boerne ISD, students are encouraged to read for pleasure over the summer. Summer reading provides many advantages for students, including maintaining skills, fostering independent learning, and promoting a lifelong love of reading. Research has proven that students who read daily have a larger vocabulary and earn better grades in school than students who do not. The mission and vision of Boerne ISD is to provide students with learning opportunities which support students in becoming strong readers, writers, and thinkers. It is our hope our students are continuing to grow and learn over the summer months, and for this reason, we promote reading throughout the summer.

Boerne ISD is asking for each student who will be in **Honors 7th-8th English Language Arts and Reading** courses to read at least one book over the summer prior to our return in August. In an effort to promote student choice in reading and focus on the act of reading, there will not be a required assigned reading list. Instead, when students return in August, students will participate in a lesson to share what they have read over the summer.

**Parental support in promoting literacy skills is especially critical during the middle school years.** We encourage parents to read with their students and share in their literacy journey. On the second page of this letter, you will find information about selecting books for summer reading. We hope you have a wonderful summer and enjoy reading together!

Sincerely,

Boerne ISD Middle School English Language Arts and Reading Teachers

Note: If you are a new student to Boerne ISD and cannot complete a summer reading book before the first day of school, teachers will make reasonable accommodations so that you can finish reading and complete any assignments.

## **Boerne ISD 7th & 8th Honors English Language Arts and Reading Courses Summer Reading 2023**

- Select a book that you have not yet read from the genre of your choice. You'll need your own copy of the book to bring with you on the first day of school in August.
- Your book should:
  - be appropriate for your grade level in both length (at least 150 pages) and content and
  - meet high standards for literary quality and style.
- When students begin classes August 10, 2023, they will participate in activities and lessons using the book(s) they read during the summer.

### **Summer Reading Tips**

- You might consider joining a summer reading program at the public library.
- Share your reading with others! Some ideas are:
  - Have family reading time and talk to your family about your reading.
  - Set up a summer book club with your friends.

### **Summer Reading Resources:**

The following resources are shared for your convenience; Boerne ISD is not responsible for the content of these webpages. **It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make the appropriate selection when students are asked to self-select texts for independent reading.**

[Texas STAAR Report Card Recommended Reading Lists](#) for 7th and 8th graders.

[Boerne Public Library](#)

[Texas Library Association Reading Lists](#)-Lone Star List