

WMA 8th Grade Summer Reading 2018

Dear Eighth Graders,

I hope that you will commit yourself to the joy of reading this summer! Though you are only *required* to read two books, you have three months of time to fill. In preparing yourself for eighth grade, keep those reading skills engaged all summer! Read the newspaper, magazines, novels, whatever catches your interest. Then make sure you read two books in preparation for eighth grade language arts.

Every student is required to read *The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz this summer. As you read, please take time to fill [in the attached note sheet](#) by hand. Print out a copy if you have lost the copy I gave you in June. This is something you should be filling in *as you read*, not after the fact. Also, annotate your text in any way that will help you to remember what you read. You can use post-it notes and/or actually write in your book (if it's your own copy). When you return to school, the class will participate in a group discussion on this text. You will submit your note sheet for credit, so take care not to lose it!

In addition to *The Inquisitor's Tale*, you are required to read one other book that *you have not previously read*. Please read a book from the list of recommendations attached. After you read the book, write a letter addressed to me discussing what *you* learned from the book and why *you* think the author wrote each book. These should be 100% your own ideas. I am more concerned with your genuine, original thought than any deep analysis that you have "borrowed" from another source! This letter should be at least one page, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12. **The letter should refer to at least two specific passages or scenes in the book. Please use page numbers in your references.**

Sincerely,  
Ms. DeSanto

### Summer Reading List

Students are required to read two books this summer. The mandatory book is *The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz. The other book should come from the list below.

*A Tree Grows In Brooklyn* – Betty Smith

*The Killer Angels* - Michael Shaara

*Between Shades of Gray* – Ruta Sepetys

*Modern Hero: Through Faith and Perseverance: How I Became A Cool Smart Kid* - Nahjee Grant

*I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* - Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka

*Warriors Don't Cry* – Melba Patillo Beals

*The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak

*The Seventh Most Important Thing* - Shelley Pearsall

*Dodger* - Terry Pratchett

*A Lesson Before Dying* - Ernest Gaines

*And Then There Were None* - Agatha Christie

*The Contender* - Robert Lipsyte

*Chains* - Laurie Halse Anderson

*Brown Girl Dreaming* - Jacqueline Woodson

*Piecing Me Together* - Renee Watson

*Out of Nowhere* - Maria Padian

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* - Kelly Barnhill

*False Prince* -- Jennifer A. Nielsen

*Edge of Everything* -- Jeff Giles

*Divided We Fall* -- Trent Reedy

*Endangered* -- Eliot Schrefer

*Echo* - Pam Munoz Ryan

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

***The Inquisitor's Tale* - Adam Gidwitz**

**Significant Plot Points (List in Order as they occur in the text. Use page number):**

**Plot Points continued:**

**Notable Quotes (cite page):**

**Why do you find the quote notable?**

**Questions I Need Answered (This can serve as a place to keep track of unanswered questions, or a space for discussion questions). We will have discussion on this book in September, so come prepared!**