

8th Summer Reading Assignment

For those entering 7th and 8th grade, you will be expected to read **one** of the following list of novels for your summer reading assignment. Once you read each novel, you must complete the Summer Reading Synopsis attached. You will turn in the synopsis on our first Monday back at school. It will be graded, and it will also be the basis for a book talk that you will work on in September. There is a variety of genre listed below, so hopefully you will make a good choice. Happy Reading!

Please select **one** book from the reading list below.

8th Grade:

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Beauty by Robin McKinley

Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Name: _____

Summer Reading Synopsis

Select **one novel** from the reading list.

Complete the following graphic organizer and bring it to your Literature Class the first Monday back at school. If you need more space, please use another sheet of paper. This will be graded according to completeness, effort and grammar. Note: you may respond in list format if the instructions say so. If not, the answers should be in complete sentences.

Title: _____ Author: _____

List the 3 main characters/key participants and list 3 physical traits and personality traits of each.

Character 1: _____

Character 2: _____

Character 3: _____

Explain an important decision made by one of the characters described above.

What was the outcome/result of the decision?

Describe the setting (the time and place where the story happens):

Describe the conflict (or the main problem) and how it is resolved (or fixed):

List 5-7 key events from throughout the book in chronological order: Include page numbers. You can put the page number of anytime the event comes up.

What was one theme (lesson) of the novel? List three quotes, with the page number that shows the theme. Instead of writing out the whole quote, you can abbreviate it by using the

**first three words...and the last three words. For example, "He never looked...and ran away."
(p102).**

Rate the book on a scale of 1-5 stars. Give at least three reasons to support your rating.
