

# Guidelines for the Summer Reading Response Activities for Students Entering Grades 6, 7, 8

Dear Parents and Students,

As you begin to plan for the months ahead, we want to share our reading response expectations with you. We request that you respond to at least **one** book you will have read (see below for specific details) to your **2022-23** language arts' teacher. You may choose to respond to more than one book, but we encourage you to respond to at least **one book**. During the academic year, you will continue to engage in this process of writing in response to reading.

## Recommendations for the Content of Your Reader Response Activity

Please consider the below-listed options when writing in response to your reading.

### Reader Response Options

- literary essay (details listed below)
- PPT or Google slide presentation of the book's events
- Timeline of the major events in your book
- Story mountain of the events in your book (fiction)
- A Flipgrid (a video-based tool) of the events in the story/book
- Illustrating key events in your book (mini-graphic novel)

If you decide to respond to your book with a **literary essay** you may wish to include **some** of the below-listed suggestions:

- why you chose the book (include the book's title, author, and genre)
- why you think the author wrote the book (inform, entertain, persuade, or all three)
- something that surprised, puzzled, or interested you about the book (annotation of book's events/content)
- what you liked or disliked about the book and why (critical review of the book's content)
- whether or not you would recommend this book and why (critical review of the book)
- information about the character(s) in the book (deep study of character)
- the ways in which the main character or events in the book change over time (synthesis)
- what you noticed about the author's style of writing (author's craft)
- what you think the author's message is (theme)
- what you would change about the book
- what the theme of the book may be
- how the book connects to your life, to other books you've read, to the world around you, etc. (personal or global connections to the book)