

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

### Assignment # 1: English

1. Read one book of your choice. Choose something you know you will enjoy and that represents your literary interest.
2. Reading Journal: As you read, write a chapter summary for each chapter. Describe the plot, significant events within the chapter, and character description and analysis of their actions for each chapter. This journal is meant to give you a chance to respond to, interact with, and think about the text. You must type the journal in 12 point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced. You will be making one journal entry per chapter.
3. Class Essay: When you return to school in the fall you'll need to bring this journal with you the first day of school. You'll be writing an in-class essay about your summer reading and you may use your journal to help you with this essay.

### Assignment #2: Social Studies

1. **Character Poster:** You will need to create a poster that highlights your novel. Follow these directions carefully. Use 12" x 18" stiff paper or tag board, and include the following on your poster:
  - a. the title
  - b. the author's name
  - c. a symbol and/ or images that represents the main character
  - d. 6-10 quotes from the book that highlight the features of your character.

You are free to paint, draw, or add to your poster in any way you feel will improve the overall visual impact; be creative! Bring your poster to class the first day of school.

**2. Presentations:** Be prepared to make a three to five-minute book talk that is designed to highlight your book. During your presentation you must show your poster, summarize the plot, briefly explain the main characters, explain the central conflict, and read two of the quotes from your book that capture the essence of the character (think carefully about this one). You may write your quotes on index cards or read directly from your poster. Be prepared to explain why you feel these quotes are particularly important.

## 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Assignment #1: English

1. **Book Choices:** Read 2-3 books of your choice. Choose something you know you will enjoy and that represents your literary interest.
2. **Reading Journals:** As you read, write a chapter summary for each chapter. Describe the plot, significant events within the chapter, and character description and analysis of their