

English Summer Work 2017
Reading and Writing for Incoming Grade 8 Students

Dear Grade 8 students and families,

The Modern English School Secondary English Department wishes you all a relaxing and fun summer break. In an effort to provide you a summer reading assignment that is both interesting and enjoyable, we have chosen excellent books for you to read this summer: You have an option to read **two (2)** of the following titles from 2 different authors:

The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Paul Curtis (published 2000)

Curiosity House: The Shrunk Head by Lauren Oliver and H.C. Chester (Published 2016)

Say What You Will by Cammie McGovern (published 2015)

Falling Into Place by Amy Zhang (published 2015)

This is Where the World Ends by Amy Zhang (published 2016)

Hoot by Carl Hiassen (published 2004)

These fantastic books are available for you to purchase as an eBook and paperback at local bookstores in addition to Amazon.com (eBook is 4.99 USD; paperback books is under 10 USD). You should read your chosen books very carefully and take thorough, handwritten notes as you read. Notes should reflect your understanding of the novel and express how you interact with the chosen book. You will turn these notes in on the very first day you return to school for your first homework grade.

For the first few weeks of school, we will be working with these novels in class. You will be expected to complete the following activities using the content of your books in class:

- write an in-class essay
- create graphic organizers and webs
- compare and contrast the content (characters, themes, etc.)
- give a short speech/presentation about the book
- create a plot diagram identifying the keys events of the novel
- create a unique presentation focusing on one of the aspects of the book (characters, theme, etc.)

Happy reading, and have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Elsaadany

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****Summary of important information:**

- 1) Read your chosen books closely (TWO books need to be read for summer work).
- 2) Take thorough notes on the books; notes can take any form as long as they reflect your reading and understanding.
- 3) You will be turning in your notes the very first day you return to school in September for your first homework grade.
- 4) The first few weeks of school will be devoted to working with the book in a variety of ways for a variety of grades.