

Stout 7th & 8th Grade ELA Summer Learning

Research proves that *“during summer vacation, many students lose knowledge and skills. By the end of summer, students perform, on average, one month behind where they left off in the spring”*. (McCombs 2011) To help prevent that summer learning loss, Dearborn Public School students are required to complete various summer learning requirements in language arts and math.

For Stout students entering 7th or 8th grade in the fall of 2019, you are required to simply read! A study conducted in 2000, showed that *“readers at all grade levels whom scored higher on standardized tests in all subject areas, developed greater reading comprehension skills, had increased fluency, and displayed higher levels of general knowledge”* (Cullinan). Additionally, *“reading deepened empathy and temporarily allowed the reader a greater understanding of others’ mental states”* (Wilhelm & Smith, 2014). *“In other words, the benefits of pleasure reading may have had a much broader impact than previously thought.”* (Whitten 2016)

For this assignment, you may **select any books or novels that are a “good fit” for you**. Relax and find time to enjoy reading them. When you’re done, you’ll need to **complete a ONE-PAGER** activity.

A One Pager is a single-page response that shows your understanding of a piece of text you have read - be it a poem, novel, chapter book or any other literature. It is a way of representing your individual, unique understanding; it is a way to be creative and experimental; it is a way to respond to your reading imaginatively and honestly.

The checklist on the other side of this sheet will guide you in creating your One-Pager. You will need to know these key items as you work:

- Book title and author’s name
- Lexile level for the book (can be searched online)
- Theme of the book/novel
- Golden Lines: Two parts of the book that stood out to you
- Personal recommendation
- An image that would represent the book/novel

Follow the checklist and attach it to your completed One-Pager. **You may complete up to two One-Pagers for credit.** Bring your completed summer learning to class with you in the fall. All One-Pagers are due on or before August 29, 2019.

If you have questions, you may email Mrs. Wiacek at wiacekm@dearbornschools.org.

Happy Reading!

The One Pager

The purpose of a One Pager is to own what you are reading since we read differently when we know we are going to do something with the text that we have read. We learn best when we are able to create our own patterns.

Follow this format for your One Pager. Check off the steps as you go and then sign the bottom.

- Use *ONLY* a piece of plain, white copy paper (size 8 ½ x 11). No colored paper or lined paper.
- What is the theme of your book/novel? *Create a border by repeating the theme around the edge of the paper. [REMEMBER! Theme is NOT one word; it is a complete sentence. An example of a theme may be: Love is the central defining characteristic of human existence.]*
- Write the title and author's name near the top. **MAKE IT STAND OUT FROM THE REST!**
- Write the Lexile level of the text in the upper, right corner. Be sure to label the number.
- Write your name in the lower, right corner.
- Include two Golden Lines from the text that jump out at you, make you think or wonder, or remind you of something. Write the quotes anywhere on your page. Use different colors and/or writing styles (or fonts) to individualize each quote. At the end of the quote, include the page number where you found the quote.
- Include one graphic representation (drawing, symbol, magazine picture, computer generated image, etc.) that would represent the selection. **BE CREATIVE!** You could tie your graphic/illustration to one of the quotes. The image should illustrate a picture you have in your mind from reading.
- Include a personal response. Write a comment, a connection, an interpretation, or a review. **THIS IS NOT A SUMMARY!**
- Fill up the entire piece of paper and create it in such a way that your audience will understand something about the literature from your One Pager.
- Use a lot of color and patterns to illustrate your thoughts and ideas clearly and creatively. **NO PENCIL ALLOWED!** Use ink and color: pens, colored pencils, markers, and colored pictures work great!

I certify that I have met each requirement and that this One Pager represents my best work and effort.

Student Signature

Date