

## 2011 – Summer Assignment – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Perry Middle School - Summer Reading Assignment

Gifted language arts students should read one novel from the PMS Summer Reading List. The attached activities are due two weeks after school begins; you are not required to complete them prior to the start of school. Please note: unless you choose to have a very turbulent first two weeks of school, we suggest that you have completed your summer reading prior to the first day of school. We choose these activities to rescue your brain from total stagnation over the summer break.

**Grade 8** --The activities listed below are for the novel that you have chosen to read. For all written answers, make sure that you USE EVIDENCE FROM THE TEXT; make sure your creative answers accurately represent the novel.

**Standards: ELA8R1-** The students demonstrate comprehension and show evidence of a warranted and responsible explanation of a variety of literary and informational text.

**ELA8W1-** The students produce a variety of writing. **ELA8RC1-** The students read a minimum of 25 grade-level appropriate books (approximately 1,000,000 words) per year of subject disciplines.

### **CHOOSE THREE**

1. Vocabulary -- Choose 6 vocabulary words in the reading text that you might see on the SAT. Write the vocabulary word, page number, and write the sentence that was used in.
2. Pamphlet (If you are reading *Animal Farm*, you may choose this one) Imagine that you are political philosopher. You want to write a pamphlet to distribute to the animals at Animal Farm. Title your pamphlet “How to create the perfect Government.” Create a step-by-step approach showing how to set up a government that will meet all the animals’ needs.
3. Choose an interesting character from the novel, and think of what his/her dislikes are. Pick a gift you think he/she would like to receive. Design a greeting card to go along with the gift in which you explain—with evidence from the text—why you selected that gift for him/her. This will need to be at least three paragraphs.
4. Which character from the novel would be your first choice to have as a friend? Using evidence from the novel and facts and events from your life, explain why you two would be compatible. This will need to be at least two paragraphs.
5. Make a radio announcement to advertise the book. Write it out, including stage directions for sound effects, type of voice, etc. This will need to be at least three paragraphs.

**Score Sheet- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 2011 - Name \_\_\_\_\_**

**Title Page (Your Name, Title of Novel, and Author)**

You may receive 15 points.

Your score= \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose Three**

You may receive 60 points.

Your score= \_\_\_\_\_

**Grammar/ Spelling**

You may receive 15 points

Your score = \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow Directions (order of the folder)**

You may receive 10 points

Your score = \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points = \_\_\_\_\_**