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8th Grade Summer Reading

8th Grade Students,

I hope you are all enjoying the beginning of your summer! I am eager to meet you all and begin the new school year. While you are relaxing in the sun and unwinding from the last several months of hard work, I expect you to do some reading.

Throughout the school year you will be required to complete independent reading assignments outside of class. These assignments will culminate in a series of “Book Talks” that will be held periodically throughout the school year. In order to keep you reading regularly, please read **at least 2 books** of **your choice** this summer. The books that you select should be appropriate to your reading level, and the genre of the novels should be of **interest** to you. The Watkins Glen Public Library is a great source for checking out audiobooks, eBooks, and novels throughout the summer. We also have access to the Sora App (located in your MyWG Portal). See the instructions attached for obtaining access to hundreds of eBooks and audiobooks online. After reading, please complete the attached activity (described on the next page) for **both** of your novels. You may also access the activity and some of my personal recommendations via my classroom webpage (wgcsd.org → Schools → High School → 8th Grade → Mrs. Shutts → Summer Reading).

You will use the assignment to participate in a “Book Talk” during the first month of school. Chatting about the great literature we read over the summer will be a great way to start the new school year!

Please feel free to email me at ashutts@wgcsd.org if you have any questions. I look forward to reading your assignments and hearing about your summer! 😊

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Shutts

8th Grade English Language Arts Teacher