



# St. Louis Catholic School

## 8th Grade Summer Reading

Dear Rising **Eighth Grade** Students,

I know that our 7th grade academic year didn't end as we thought it might, but it's time for summer! I hope that your summer is filled with great adventures and new perspectives. For summer reading, choose a book from each list and complete the work/project that goes along with that section. You are welcome to email me if you have any questions. See you in August!

Sincerely,  
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Pick **one** of the following books to read and complete the assignment that follows:

- *Boys Without Names* by Kashmira Sheth
- *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel
- *Ghost* by Reynolds
- *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds
- *Falling Over Sideways* by Jordan Sonneblick
- *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks
- *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town* by Kimberly Willis Holt
- *Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart
- *The Warden's Daughter* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Ender's Game*-Orson Scott Card
- *Winterdance* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Contender* - Lipsyte
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* -Taylor

- *And Then There Were None* -Agatha Christie
- *Walk Two Moons*- Creech
- Any book from Grisham's *Theodore Boone Series*
- Any book from *The Chronicles of Narnia Series* by C.S. Lewis

**Complete (typed and MLA format):**

1. List 5 words you do not know and write the sentence they were used in. Define the words.
2. Write 6-8 sentences summarizing the story IN YOUR WORDS.
3. List 5 quotes and put the page number where found. Offer a 2-3 sentence analysis about the significance of the chosen quote.
4. Describe your favorite scene and explain why you chose that one.
5. Who is your favorite character? Explain. (4-5 sentences)
6. Least favorite character? Explain. (4-5 sentences)
7. What are 3 themes or ideas that you think the author was trying to show? Explain. (4-6 sentences)
8. Research the background of the author and/or the time period and explain how it affected or influenced the story. Write 4-5 sentences and be specific.
9. What is the importance of the title of the book? Give specific reasoning from the text. (3-4 sentences)
10. If you had to pick one object from the book and say that it symbolizes the theme, what would you choose? Think about this some and then write 4-5 sentences telling me why you chose what you did.

**On a sheet of plain paper, write 3 words that are significant to the story in some way and give a brief description. Draw or attach 2 pictures that symbolize something from the story. In the corner of the paper, rate the book with stars (1 to 5 with 5 stars being the best). You will use this as a visual aid when you give a presentation about the book in August.**

**This will be worth a TEST grade.**

**CHOOSE 1 from this list and complete the HISTORICAL ONE-PAGER (See examples at the bottom):**

*Salt: A Story of Friendship in a Time of War* by Helen Frost

*Dark Water Rising* by Hale

*Rocket Boys* - Homer Hickam

*My Louisiana Sky* by Holt

*Across Five Aprils* - Hunt

*Unbroken* (Young Adult Edition) -Hillenbrand

*War Horse* - Morpurgo

*Listening for Lions*- Whelan

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

*Boys in the Boat* (Young Readers Edition) by Daniel James Brown

*I Am Malala : How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* (Young Readers Edition) - Malala Yousafzai

## One-Pager Final Project (Examples at the bottom)

A one-pager is an analytical (organized and detailed), creative, and written response to a novel that completely fills one side of a piece of paper. For your one-pager, you'll want to focus on the big ideas from the novel including theme, symbolism, and conflict, as well as literary devices and elements. **The examples also show questions on the page, but your project will not have that element.**

### Required Details

1. Fill the entire page with color and text. There should not be any blank, white space. (a white background against text is okay.)
2. Clearly label each element of your one-pager.
3. Include the title, author, and genre on the paper. You should try to incorporate these elements as creatively as possible.
4. Complete the grid by connecting 3 story elements together (and these 3 will be on the paper as well)

Connect Three boxes vertically, horizontally, or diagonally to select your additional 3 required elements. **USE MLA FORMAT TO CITE QUOTATIONS (example below).**

<b>Quotes:</b> Write 3 meaningful quotes and write at least 2 sentences to explain the significance of each quote. What does it infer, symbolize, suggest, relate to, etc.?	<b>Fig. Lang.:</b> Identify and illustrate 3 examples of figurative language. Each example must include the quote, an illustration, and a one sentence explanation.	<b>Images:</b> Draw 3 images that represent the book (theme, symbols, characters, or conflicts within the book). Label each image. Write at least 2 sentences to explain why this symbol is significant.
<b>Images:</b> Draw 3 images that represent the book (theme, symbols, characters, or conflicts within the book). Label each image. Write at least 2 sentences to explain why this symbol is significant.	<b>Timeline:</b> Create a timeline with 10 critical events. The timeline must be linear or follow the plot diagram. Each event must be a complete sentence.	<b>Quotes:</b> Write 3 meaningful quotes and write at least 2 sentences to explain the significance of each quote. What does it infer, symbolize, suggest, relate to, etc.?
<b>Setting:</b> Illustrate a setting from the book. The illustration must be accurate, detailed, and in full-color. Provide 3 quotes from the book to support the illustration.	<b>Quotes:</b> Write 3 meaningful quotes and write at least 2 sentences to explain the significance of each quote. What does it infer, symbolize, suggest, relate to, etc.?	<b>Song:</b> Find song lyrics that connect to the book. Write the lyrics, include the song, artist, and a 2-3 sentence explanation of how the song related to the book.

# One-Pager Brainstorming Checklist

Use this paper as a checklist to make sure you have every element complete

## Required Elements:

- The entire page is filled with color, images, or text
- Every element is clearly and neatly labeled
- My one-pager includes the title, author, and genre
- All of my quotes are properly cited in MLA Format. "quote" (Author's last name pg. no).  
Example: (Smith 120).
- I included 3 elements of story options from the Connect Three board.
- My handwriting is neat and legible
- I AM NOT REQUIRING THE QUESTIONS LIKE THE ONES YOU NOTICE IN THE EXAMPLES!**

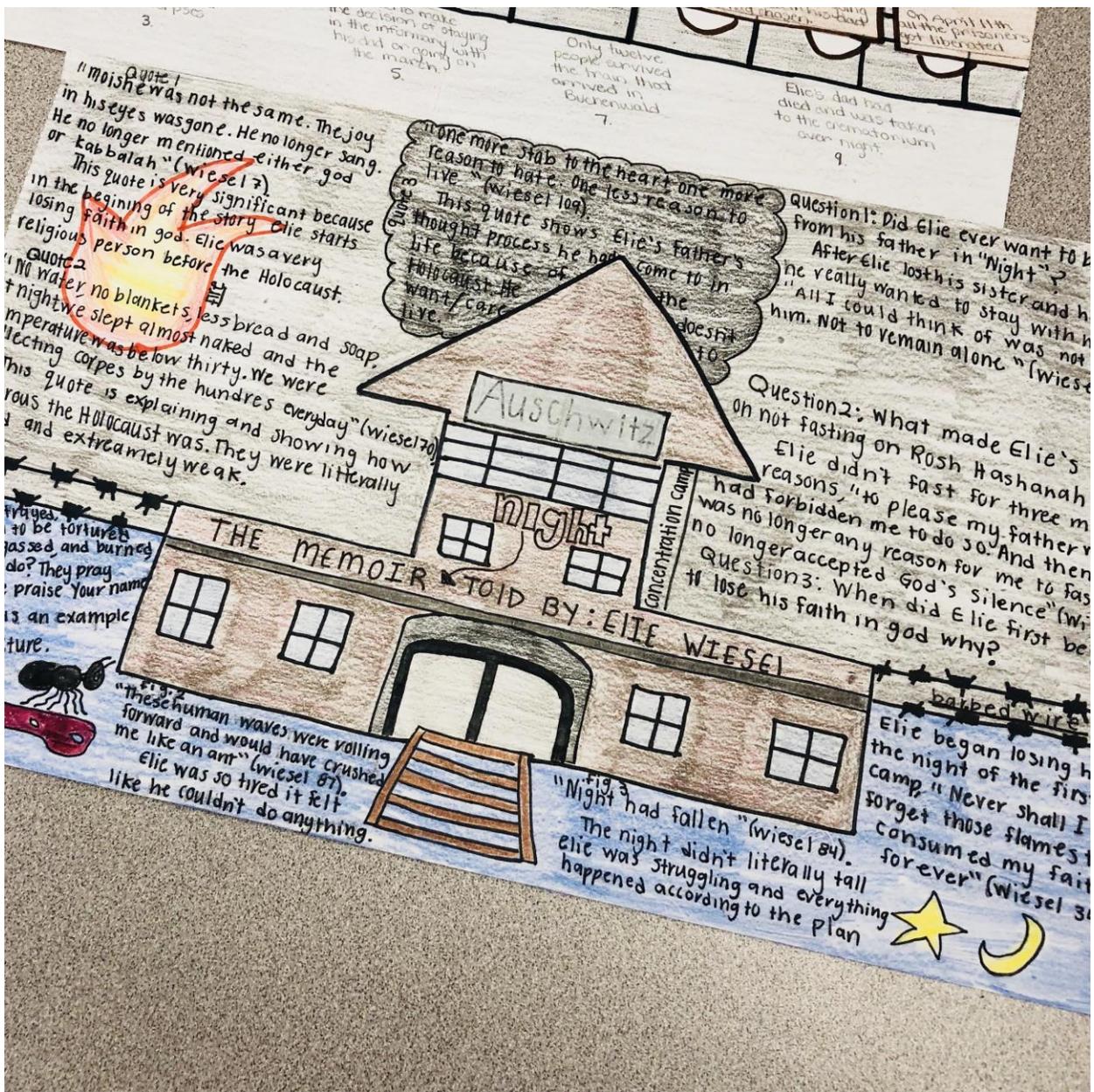
## One-Pager Rubric

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Requirements	Advanced	Proficient	Almost	Needs Improvement
Title, author, and genre	5 All elements are present, correct, and creative.	4 All elements are present and correct.	3 One element may be missing or incorrect.	0-2 Multiple errors or not present.
Images	15 The images are labeled, detailed, thorough, and relate to the novel.	12 The images are labeled, detailed, and relate to the novel.	9 The images are labeled and relate to the novel.	0-6 There are no images or they are not related.
Elements of Story	20 All 3 elements show analysis, creativity, & insight.	16 All elements of the are present.	12 The elements are lacking depth or clarity.	0-8 Elements of Story are missing. .
Assignment Requirements	5 All aspects are labeled. There is no excess white space.	4 All aspects labeled. There is no white space.	3 Missing labels. No white space.	0-2 White space. Project seems rushed.
Mechanics	10 No grammar, spelling, or convention errors	8 1-2 minor grammar, spelling, or convention errors.	6 Several grammar, spelling, or convention errors.	0-4 Grammar, spelling, or convention errors detract from the project.
Creativity and Effort	10 Superb!	8 Above average	6 Adequate	0-4 Needs improvement
<b>Total</b>	<b>Comments</b>			

Points _____ _____/65	<b>THIS IS A TEST GRADE!</b>
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the decision to stay in the infirmary with his dad or going with the march on 5.

Only twelve people survived the train that arrived in Buchenwald 7.

On April 11th all the prisoners got liberated 9.

Elie's dad had died and was taken to the crematorium over night.

Quote 1  
"moishe was not the same. The joy in his eyes was gone. He no longer sang or kabbalah" (Wiesel 7)

This quote is very significant because in the beginning of the story Elie starts losing faith in god. Elie was a very religious person before the Holocaust.

Quote 2  
"No water no blankets, less bread and soap. At night we slept almost naked and the temperature was below thirty. We were collecting corpses by the hundreds everyday" (Wiesel 70)

This quote is explaining and showing how rough the Holocaust was. They were literally starving and extremely weak.

"one more stab to the heart one more reason to hate. One less reason to live" (Wiesel 109)  
This quote shows Elie's father's thought process he had come to in the Holocaust. He doesn't want/care to live.

Question 1: Did Elie ever want to be from his father in "Night"?  
After Elie lost his sister and he really wanted to stay with him. "All I could think of was not him. Not to remain alone" (Wiesel 10)

Question 2: What made Elie's not fasting on Rosh Hashanah Elie didn't fast for three reasons. "to please my father" was no longer any reason for me to fast. "I no longer accepted God's silence" (Wiesel 11) "I lose his faith in god why?"

Fig 1  
"to be tortured passed and burned do? They pray: praise Your name" is an example of nature.

Fig 2  
"these human waves were rolling forward and would have crushed me like an ant" (Wiesel 87). Elie was so tired it felt like he couldn't do anything.

Fig 3  
"Night had fallen" (Wiesel 84). The night didn't literally fall Elie was struggling and everything happened according to the plan

barbed wire  
Elie began losing hope the night of the first camp. "Never shall I forget those flames that consumed my faith forever" (Wiesel 31)



Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. LOUIS SCHOOL—SUMMER READING LOG 2020—GRADE 8**

List the *title* and *author* of each book you read this summer.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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On my honor, I pledge that I have read the books listed.

X \_\_\_\_\_

(Student Signature)

I confirm that my child has read the books listed above.

X \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent Signature)

**TURN THIS IN BY AUGUST 24.**