



York Junior High 2021-2022 8th Grade Summer Reading

In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become life-long learners.



This summer, we want you to choose at least **one book of your choice** and keep a log of your thinking while you read. Reading experts note that most young readers suffer a backslide in reading skills during the summer. Research shows that a consistent amount of reading each day (30-45 minutes) will increase reading and comprehension skills and benefit you in every subject.

- Use this link or Scan the QR code below for a video explanation!

<http://tiny.conroeisd.net/9j5Hr>



While you read **your selected book** this summer, respond to your reading through some form of writing. You may have a journal and jot down your thoughts. You may have a sketchbook where you draw doodles and pictures as you read. You may use sticky notes and write about your characters as they change throughout the novel. **The choice of how you respond to your reading is up to you. We have provided some examples on the back of this page.**

Upon your return to school, you will be expected to:

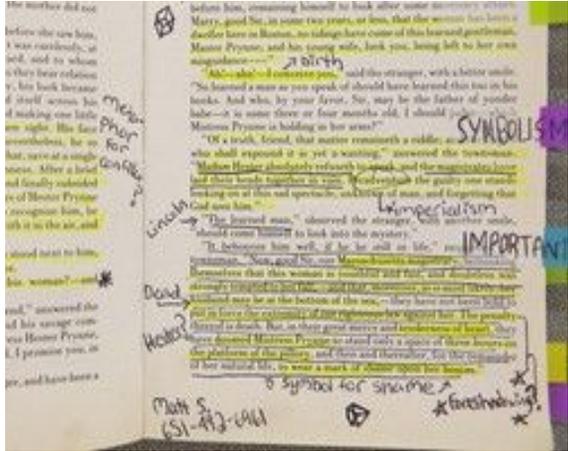
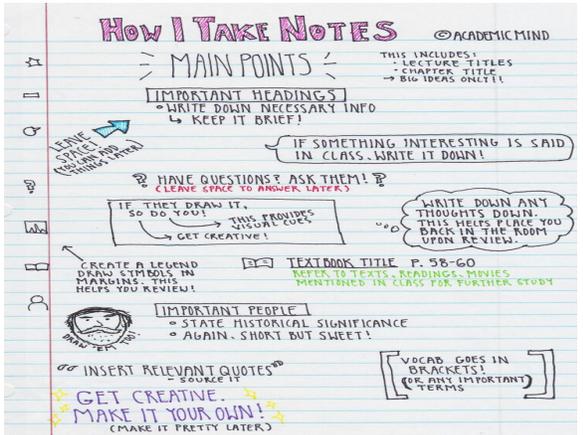
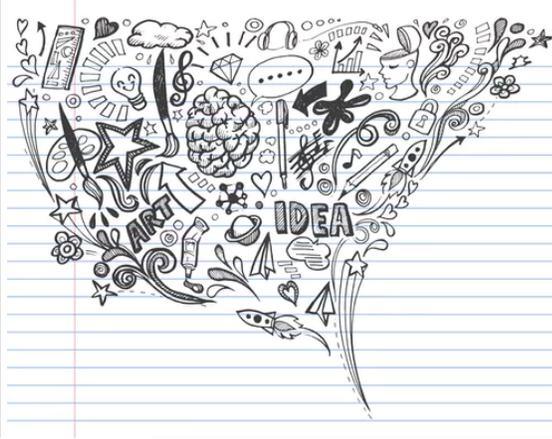
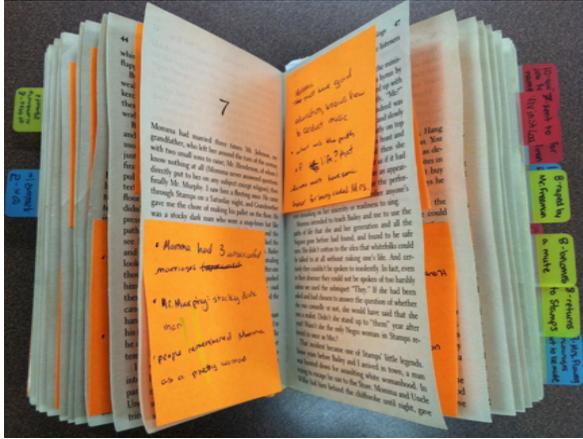
- Conference with your teacher about your book. You will demonstrate your understanding of the novel as well as share your journaling notes at this time.
- Engage in a class discussion regarding key points of your novel. The type of questions that may be asked include (but are not limited to):
 - What is the main problem that the character must overcome? How was this problem resolved? Were you happy with the conclusion?
 - If you found yourself in a similar situation/conflict that the main character faces, how would you react?
 - What does your novel teach you about resilience and overcoming obstacles?
- **Honors students will have a differentiated project to complete upon returning to school.**

We look forward to building our reading community with you next year!

-The York 8th Grade Language Arts Department



Below are some suggested ways to respond to your summer reading:



If you don't know where to begin to look for a book, check out the Lone Star Reading List at <http://tiny.conroeisd.net/B4xqk> or scan the QR code below!

The Texas Lone Star list is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the list is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, or 8 to explore a variety of current books. The Lone Star list is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. The annotated Lone Star Reading List, past Lone Star Reading selections, and additional resources are available at:





Our school district has also provided us with a list of ways to access free books online:

- **Sora** (an app found in the CISD SSO Portal)
 - Free access to a variety of e-books and audiobooks.
- **Destiny Discover** (an app found in the CISD SSO Portal)
 - Check out e-books and audiobooks from our campus library
- **Montgomery County Public Library**
 - E-books and audiobooks: <https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/elibrary>
 - Get a digital library card:
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