

# Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grader's Summer Reading Program 2017

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## Required Reading:

1. Civil Rights Movement packet on GOOGLE CLASSROOM – pages 4-12  
ANNOTATED
2. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* By Mildred Taylor (FREE PDF:  
[http://www.coop7th.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/4/6/13469245/roll\\_of\\_thunder\\_hear\\_my\\_cry.pdf](http://www.coop7th.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/4/6/13469245/roll_of_thunder_hear_my_cry.pdf))
3. *Out of the Dust* (FREE PDF: <http://www.btbooces.org>)  
 By Karen Hesse

## PLUS:

One (1) book of your choice at or above grade level.

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***Parents: I am asking that you complete the following information verifying that your child completed the summer reading. Please have your student bring this sheet to class FRIDAY, August 18, 2017.***

*Thank you,*

*Mrs. Richardson*

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*(Print Student Name)*

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*(Title of Book – Your Choice)*

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*(Author)*

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*(Parent Signature)*

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cornell Note/Writing Assignment

As you read *Roll of Thunder, hear My Cry* you will provide the information requested on the CORNELL NOTE formatted sheets. In preparation for high school, you must be able to think critically about the material you are reading. This means you go beyond the surface of the plot and look for the themes and messages contained within the piece. To begin this process, you will write an essay, explained in the following material, to begin the process of showing your ability to think critically. The exam for all novels and readings will include objective and essay questions.

As many of you know, **Lexington Catholic gives their Freshman Placement Exam on Saturday, November 11, 2017**. Therefore, I have told the students they need to read at least 20 minutes every day to maintain their present levels – additional minutes per day and difficulty of material can increase their reading levels 😊 Please help your child find a reading schedule, which fits with the family's summer plans.

For those students who wish or need to read novels more than one time in order to comprehend the information, I have provided a list of the novels in the order we will be reading them for 8<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

### 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Novels for 2017-2018\*

1. *Out of the Dust* (ISBN:0-590-37125-8) – SUMMER READ
2. *To Kill a Mockingbird* (ISBN:0-446-31078-6)
3. *Witness* (ISBN:0-43945230-9)
4. *Animal Farm* (ISBN:0-451-52634-1)
5. *Fahrenheit 451* (ISBN: 781451-673319)
6. *Yellow Star* (ISBN:10:0-545-07101-1)
7. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (ISBN:0-385-75106-0)
8. *Anne Frank – the play* (Literature Book)
9. *The Outsiders* (ISBN:0-14-038572-X)

\*Substitutions or additions are possible as the year progresses.

## **ROLL OF THUNDER, HEAR MY CRY LITERARY ESSAY:**

Cassie and Stacy are dynamic characters, meaning they change throughout the course of the novel. Write a ONE, NO MORE THAN TWO PAGE essay showing how Cassie or Stacy change. Use must use QUOTES from the text (remember to cite the page after the quote) that characterize Cassie or Stacy to support your opinions. As you gather details about Cassie or Stacy, pay special attention to what they learn or realize about the world they live in and how they react to different situations. You must provide at least 4 significant events to support your choice of character.

**Pay special attention to the major techniques of characterization.**

- 1. Flat Character:** A flat character has one or two personality traits that don't change. The flat character can play a major or a minor role.
- 2. Round Character:** A round character has many complex traits-and those traits develop and change in a story. A round character will seem more real than a flat character, because people are complex!
- 3. Stock or Stereotype Character:** A character who represents a stereotype is a stock character. These characters exist to maintain widespread belief in "types," such as hot-tempered redheads, stingy businessmen and absent-minded professors.
- 4. Static:** A static character never changes. A loud, obnoxious "background" character who remains the same throughout the story is static. A boring character who is never changed by events is also static.
- 5. Dynamic:** Unlike a static character, a dynamic character does change and grow as the story unfolds. Dynamic characters respond to events and experience a change in attitude or outlook.

### **To complete the writing task:**

#### **CORNELL NOTES ACTIVITY:**

- 1. You will complete one of the two Cornell Note sheets either for Cassie or Stacy.**
- 2. The entries in the LEFT COLUMN of the Cornell Notes sheet must identify events in the novel which show the growth of the character through their experiences.**
- 3. The entries in the CENTER COLUMN of the Cornell Notes sheet must identify quotes from the novel to support the events.**

#### **WRITING THE PAPER:**

- 1. You will write a 5 paragraph MLA FORMAT essay.**
- 2. You will follow the conventions for formal writing.**
- 3. Type your final draft, according to MLA guidelines for paper format, and bring the TYPED AND PRINTED paper with you to the first day of class.**

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