

Summer Reading Assignment: 2022-23

Your Summer Reading Assignment has two parts. Both parts are due on the first day of school.

Part 1–Free Choice Book: Book Talk

Choose a book that you would like to read. (Make sure that your parents approve of your choice.)
Read the book. . Be prepared to present your “book talk” on the first day of school.

Summary

What is the title of your book?

Who is the author of your book?

In three to five sentences, summarize the story.

Meaning/Themes

What is one of the main themes (big ideas) from the book?

Find one key quotation that is related to this theme (big idea) and write it in the box below. Be sure to include the page number on which the quote is found.

ART

Explain why this book is well-written. You may want to explain how the author uses literary techniques and devices skillfully (What makes this book good? Interesting? Art?)

Works Cited

In the box below, write a citation for your book in MLA format.

**Part 2–*Animal Farm* by George Orwell:
Reading Packet**

Read the short novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. Answer the following questions as you read.

The “Commandments”

In chapter 1 the animals outline the Commandments that they are to live by. By the end of the novel, what has happened to each of the original Commandments? Complete the following chart to better understand that commandments and what they mean:

Commandments	What behavior does this commandment try to change?	What happened to this original commandment?
1. No animal is ever to live in a house	Example: Caring more about possessions than the common good of all on the farm.	
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		

Thinking About Characters

There are some very important characters in this story. Which three characters do you think are most important and why are they important? Complete the following chart:

Character	Describe why you think this character is important.	
	What does this character do, or not do, say or not say? (Answer and give page numbers where we can find text evidence to support your answer.)	What is the importance of this?
1.		
2.		
3.		

The Big Question

How and why did the animals' rebellion go wrong?

(Answer in complete sentences. Support your answer with evidence from the text. Be sure to include page numbers.)

