



Middletown Township Public School  
*Summer Reading Assignment*  
For Students Entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades  
Summer 2016



**Middle School Summer Reading Assignment**

- Students will be required to read a minimum of 2 books from the lists. After completing that requirement, students are free to read additional books of their choosing.
- Students will conduct book talks on one of the books when they return to school. Students are required to record the titles of the books that they have read. The teacher can select which book the student "talks."
- A brief assembly will be held to go over the summer reading lists and the assignment. It is also suggested that faculty model book talks for the students, using the guidelines below.
- Guidelines below for students to follow as they prepare for their book talks

**Giving a Good Book Talk:**

- Plan to speak for about 3-5 minutes
- Briefly summarize the plot of the book and identify the genre, but do not give away the ending. Think about what you would and would not have wanted to know before reading.
- Prepare what you are going to say about the book. You don't need to memorize, but you need to know the points you are going to make. Practice until you are comfortable with your material.
- Optional topics to focus on:
  - The theme of the book
  - The major conflict
  - A brief description of the main characters and their relationships
  - Setting and how it relates to the plot and characters
  - Mention if the book reminds you of another book you have read or a movie you have seen
  - Identify what you think the author would have wanted readers to take from the experience of reading the book
  - Tell the audience if you recommend the book and why or why not. Remember, that just because you didn't enjoy the book, it doesn't mean that someone else won't.
  - If you come across a significant or powerful passage, you may read it aloud. This should be short and leave the listener wanting more.