

# 8th GRADE SUMMER READING



- Please choose a book in the science fiction/dystopian genre. Then complete **one (1)** of the questions listed below.
- You may use a word processor or neat, legible handwriting to construct your responses.
- Your responses will be collected on the **first day** of school. Each answer must be a **minimum** of one page in length, **double-spaced**, **twelve point font**.
- Be sure to use **specific details and examples** from your novel, **citing** the page numbers where you found your information.
- Then choose **one (1) of the projects listed below to complete along with your novel**.
- This is your opportunity to make a first impression. Take your time and be sure to submit your best work. **Be creative!**



1. Compare and contrast the futuristic world in your novel with the world in which you currently live. Does the futuristic world in your novel seem like a realistic possibility? Why or why not?
2. If you could meet one of the characters in this book, which one would you choose to meet? Why would you choose this character? What are some things you would like to ask him or her?
3. Compare and contrast the environment in this book to the environment in another science fiction/dystopian book you have read. Which environment seems like a more realistic possibility for the future of our society? Explain.

## Projects:

1. Write a comic book version of your book. Use 8 ½ x 11 inch paper (Create the book on the full page or folded hamburger-style.) Comics should be colored.
2. Make 5 drawings of important scenes from the book. Drawings should be colored. Write a description of what each scene is and why it is important.
3. Create a book of poetry. Imagine a book of poems was written about your book. Compose a minimum of 6 poems ( a minimum of 10 lines each) that relate to the book's theme, characters, plot. Etc..
4. Create a Book Trailer for your book.
5. Free Choice- Come up with your own unique visual representation of your book.

Due to the recent release of several YA novels as movies, **any novel** that has been made into a movie (such as The Hunger Games, The City of Ember, Catching Fire, Divergent, Ender's Game, or The Giver, The Maze Runner, etc) will not be accepted. Attached is a list of suggested novels. You do not have to choose a book from this list, but it includes a lot of great selections!

**Happy Reading**

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