

Dear Parents and Incoming Eighth Grade Students,

Listed below are the summer reading list and accompanying assignments. The assignments are due during the first week of school.

Required book: Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

AND

Choose **one** of the following books: Goodnight Mister Tom, by Michelle Magorian
Across Five Aprils, by Irene Hunt
The Mystery of Drear House, by Virginia Hamilton

Assignment: Type the following report for **each** book in size 12 font, Times New Roman. Be sure to revise, proofread and edit before producing your final copy. Include details and examples from the story to support your ideas. **Each paragraph should be a minimum of 6 – 8 sentences.**

1. Paragraph 1: Introductory paragraph
Write a paragraph with a thesis statement. Be sure to include the book title (underlined) and the name of the author.
2. Paragraph 2: Write a paragraph about the main characters. Include their names and what they are like. This will include a personality description and a physical description.
3. Paragraph 3: Write about the conflict in the story. It may be man vs. man, man vs. self, man vs. nature or man vs. some other power/fate.
4. Paragraph 4: Begin the summary of the novel by writing about the rising action of your story. This is the part of the book in which the events build up and the reader finds out who is involved.
5. Paragraph 5: Write about the climax (the highpoint) of the book. All the action in the book builds up to this point.
6. Paragraph 6: Write about the ending (resolution). How the story is wrapped up and the problems resolved?
7. Paragraph 7: The concluding paragraph is the reader's response to the book. Discuss its weakness or strengths. Give examples from the book to support your opinion.