



St. Jude the Apostle School

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Summer Reading 2026

8th Grade Honors Literature

- (1) Read the novel ***Fahrenheit 451*** by **Ray Bradbury**. Both an Accelerated Reader quiz and an in-class written test will be taken on this novel during the first full week of school. For this novel, you will complete a few brief activities for each of the three parts of the novel (“The Hearth and the Salamander,” “The Sieve and the Sand,” and “Burning Bright”). This assignment must be typed, printed, and **turned in on the first day of school**.
- You will write your own title for each part. The title should reflect the plot of the given part.
 - You will write a 3-5 sentence summary of the reading.
 - You will also write one question that YOU have about the novel at that point.
 - You will write an original thematic statement about the reading.
 - You will find an image that represents a symbol, character, or theme of reading and explain its significance in one sentence. Your image must be different for each part.

This assignment is due in class on **the first day of school**. The document **MUST BE TYPED & DOUBLE-SPACED with TNR 12 pt font**. Please see the attached example for formatting.

- (2) Choose a second book from the list below. **Complete the attached notes page after you read the book.** You will take an AR quiz on this book. It will be a grade for the first nine weeks. **If a student took an A.R. quiz on the book during a previous school year, it will not count as summer reading for the 2026-2027 school year.**

Title
<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i> by John Boyne
<i>The Book Thief</i> by Markus Zusak
<i>Prodigy</i> by Marie Lu

OPTIONAL Summertime Reading Quiz Opportunities:

Mrs. Cook will be on campus facilitating summer reading A.R. quizzes for their classes throughout the summer. The purpose of these optional quiz dates are to allow students an opportunity to read their A.R. novels earlier in the summer and not have to wait until August to take the A.R. quiz on the novel. Students are **NOT** required to attend these quizzing dates; students will still be provided with an opportunity to take their summer reading A.R. quizzes in class during the first couple of weeks of the new school year. Summer reading A.R. quizzes will count as a grade for Quarter 1 during the 2026-2027 school year. Please send questions about 7th & 8th grade summer reading quizzing to Mrs. Cook at kcook@stjudebr.org

Summertime A.R. Quizzing Dates:

- June 18th at 9am
- June 24th at 10am
- July 2nd at 11am
- July 7th at noon
- July 13th at 1pm
- July 27th at 2pm

Format/Example Required Read Activities:

Name

Literature

Date

Grade

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury Review

Part 1: “The Hearth and the Salamander”

Title:

Summary:

Question:

Thematic Statement:

Image: The image below is a symbol of *abc* because *xyz*.....



Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Choice Novel Notes Page

Choice Novel Selection:

Who were the main characters in the novel? Describe their personalities.

What was the major problem in the novel? Who was involved? How was it resolved?

Where did the story take place?

Who told the story? A character from the novel or the author?

What were the five most significant plot details? Provide them in chronological order?

What is the theme? What lesson should you take away from this novel?