



Summer Reading 2026

8th Grade Literature

- (1) Read the novel ***Legend*** by **Marie Lu**. Both an Accelerated Reader quiz and an in-class written test will be taken on this novel during the first full week of school. Students will create (2) small projects on the novel on paper, a small poster, a Google Doc, or Word document, which must be printed and turned in **on the first day of school**. Students are welcome to use a different format such as Canva to create the projects, but the final document must be printed and turned in on the first day of school.
 - a. **Project #1: Create a character social media profile for either Day OR June:**
 - i. A profile picture image
 - ii. A short “bio” for the character’s account
 - iii. 3 posts with captions, hashtags, images, etc.
 - iv. At least one reply from another character
 - v. One quotation from the novel
 - b. **Project #2: Pretend you are a news reporter living in the Republic and write a one-page news article**
 - i. A headline about an important event in the novel
 - ii. A summary of what happened
 - iii. An interview with at least one character
 - iv. A picture, illustration, or graphic
 - v. One quote from the novel
 - vi. Possible topics: The plague outbreak, Day becoming a wanted criminal, the death of Metias, the Trials system, etc.

- (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.**

Choice Book Title Options:
<i>Beautiful Lost</i> by Luanne Rice
<i>City Spies</i> by James Ponti
<i>Ghost</i> by Jason Reynolds
<i>Hatch</i> by Kenneth Oppel
<i>Hope was Here</i> by Joan Bauer

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 week of school. 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

Required novel projects example format:

Name

Literature

Date

Grade

Legend by Marie Lu Mini Projects

#1: Day/June Social Media Project

#2: News Article

Name: _____ Date: _____ Period: _____

Choice Book 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?

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

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

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