

8th Grade Language Arts Summer Reading/Summer Work

Our Summer Reading program for students in 8th grade continues to be a tradition and a benefit to our Spotswood students. Summer is a perfect time for students to reap the rewards of independent reading. As educators, we realize the importance of reading throughout the school year and would like to encourage reading during the summer as a way for students to maintain the reading levels and skills they have acquired during the school year. More importantly, it is our desire that, by encouraging independent reading, students will experience the many joys of reading and become life-long readers and learners.

At Memorial School, in 8th Grade Language Arts, students are provided *The City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau, to read over the summer. We thank the PTA for their continued financial support of this program. Students also have the responsibility to complete a connected summer work project which is due on the first day of school. This assignment can be found on both the school and district website beginning June 14, 2017.

Please note, the assigned summer reading book must be returned on the first day of class in September, in the condition in which it was received, along with the completed summer work. We encourage students to read additional books over the summer – remember, our libraries are a great resource.

We would like to extend our appreciation to you for your anticipated cooperation in encouraging your child to read. Fostering a life-long love of reading invites children to wonder, imagine, and explore life's endless possibilities. Happy reading!

The City of Ember
By Jeanne DuPrau
Summer Reading Guide

Major characters: Lina, Doon, Poppy, Looper, Mrs. Murdo, Clary

- **Part 1: Provide an important detail for each major character from each chapter of the book--as there are 20 chapters, a minimum of twenty details are required.**
- **Part 2: In addition to providing important details for each major character, record other elements such as setting, conflict, climax, and resolution for each chapter.**

Sample journal layouts are shown on the following pages. The size of the detail/description column/box DOES NOT represent how much you should write; it is just a SAMPLE. When you set up your notebook/journal, you should leave much more space to collect the information that you will need.

Part 1: Major Character Log/Study Guide SAMPLE

<i>The City of Ember - Chapter One</i>	
Character	Detail/Description
Lina	
Doon	
Poppy	
Looper	
Mrs. Murdo	
Clary	

Part 2: Story Element Log/Study Guide SAMPLE

<i>The City of Ember - Chapter One</i>	
Element	Detail/Description
Setting	
Conflict	
Climax	
Resolution	
Other Notes/Comments/Thoughts	

Part 1: Major Character Log/Study Guide SAMPLE

<i>The City of Ember - Chapter Two</i>	
Character	Detail/Description
Lina	
Doon	
Poppy	
Looper	
Mrs. Murdo	
Clary	

Part 2: Story Element Log/Study Guide SAMPLE

<i>The City of Ember - Chapter Two</i>	
Element	Detail/Description
Setting	
Conflict	
Climax	
Resolution	
Other Notes/Comments/Thoughts	

The City of Ember - Chapter Three, etc.....