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Eighth Grade Summer Reading Project

Due by:
Sept. 10 - Mon.

Key Concept: Change & Genre

Statement of Inquiry: The genre of a book changes how you read it.



Assignment: Over the summer, choose two books to read, one fiction and one nonfiction, and compare the genre of each.

The fiction book :

- Your choice.
- At or above your reading level
- 200+ pages
- A fun book for you to read

As you read, create a journal with an entry for each chapter (or for longer books group chapters together). Your journal should be a notebook, composition book, or sheets of loose-leaf stapled together. You may type your entries also.

In the journal entries, you should:

- **Examine** the Statement of Inquiry (How am I reading this differently because of its genre? How is reading this genre the same as any other?).
- **Examine** the key concepts of change and genre (How do I know what genre this book really is? What changes are happening in the book, and are they related to genre?).
- Include quotations from the text to **justify** your writing.

Also, you should include one or more of the following:

- Predictions about the future and if those predictions come true
- The mood the author creates and how you feel as you are reading
- Connections to your own life or how the characters are like people you know
- Questions that come to mind as you read
- Your opinion about and reactions to what is happening in that chapter
- Your agreement or disagreement about decisions that characters are making
- Attributes that the characters exhibit

The second book needs to be a nonfiction book that corresponds to the fiction book that you have chosen and at your reading level as well. For example, if you read an historical fiction book about the revolutionary war, read a nonfiction book about the war as well. Another example would be if you choose a book that is set in Miami, Florida, then read a nonfiction book about Miami also.

The last pages of your journal should answer the questions like:

- How did you read the two genres differently?
- How are the two books related in spite of being different genres?
- How did the nonfiction book aid your understanding of the fiction book?
- How would you interpret the fiction book differently now?