



Junior High

# Grade 8 Summer Reading

2024 Assignment

## Instructions:

Students will read the assigned book and complete the project. They will also read the assigned scripture and write a paragraph summary, which will include a response to the essential question, using the scripture as evidence.

## Some Tips:

**Plan out your reading strategy.** Know what will occupy your time during the summer so that you can schedule your reading to get it accomplished with enough time to complete the project and the paragraph. Make mini goals that are easier to accomplish. Decide how many pages you can reasonably read each day or week, and break up your reading and project/writing work into manageable chunks.

**Know what needs to be explained in your paragraph and added to your project before you read.** Knowing what will be required of you in your writing and on your project before you start reading will help you find ideas and answers while you go. This will save you time because you'll find things as you read instead of needing to go back through after you're done. Taking notes as you read can be helpful.

**Do the project as soon as you finish the book.** Don't save all of that work until the last minute. Complete the project when the book is still fresh in your mind and you have more free time to get the project done.

**Write the paragraph as soon as you finish the scripture reading.** It's better to do this sooner instead of waiting to write your paragraph until just before school starts. Write the paragraph as soon as you finish reading and the scripture is fresh in your mind.

## Essential Question

## Reading Assignments

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What does it take to survive?	A fantasy book about a personal struggle: <i>The Hobbit</i> By: J. R. R. Tolkien	Scripture Reading: The Book of I Samuel Chapters 15-31 ESV Version
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# 8th Grade Summer Reading Project Choices

Be creative! Be original! Have fun!

## Choice #1 - Interview a Character From the Book

**Directions:** Choose a character to interview, and write 20 questions and answers. The questions should give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story and major events. **You can either write the interview by hand and include a hand-drawn illustration of your character - OR - you can act out the interview, record it, and email it to Mrs. Taylor. You will also need to bring in the handwritten questions.** Feel free to work as a group - but each person will still be responsible for their own 20 questions and answers. If you act it out, dress up and use props! If you act it out, you will not need to include a drawing.

## Choice #2 - Create a Comic Book/Graphic Novel

### Directions:

- 1.) Create a hand-drawn, illustrated cover with the title and author of the book. It should be 8.5 x11" in size.
- 2.) Inside, re-tell the major plot events using dialogue and descriptions of the setting and characters. Dialogue and narration should be in thought or speech bubbles. Look at comic books or graphic novels for design ideas.
- 3.) Create colorful illustrations that help tell the story.

**A summer reading Google Classroom is available for students to ask Mrs. Taylor questions. You will be sent an invitation to join.**

## Paragraph Writing

Write a paragraph that summarizes the scripture reading. This paragraph should also answer the essential question listed on the other side of this page. You should write this paragraph on notebook paper - it **should NOT be typed, and no AI should be used as an aid.** Remember to indent your paragraph and use correct punctuation and spelling.

### Parts of the Paragraph

**Summarizing the Scripture Reading: (2-4 sentences)** What happens? Who is involved? Etc.

**Explanation & Evidence (2 sentences):** This should summarize how the essential question is answered in the scripture passage and give a specific example from scripture (a quote) as evidence.

**Conclusion (1 sentence):** Without repeating what you've already written, let the reader know why the answer to the essential question matters and how it can be applied to life.