

Westwood Summer Reading

Please note that summer reading is suggested for all students, but required for Cambridge students.

6th Grade

- Choose a novel to read and then complete the Think-Tac-Toe. It is due by the end of the second week of school to your ELA teacher. You will be given extra credit for this assignment being returned by the deadline.
- CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge Students are **required** to read The Cay and complete the assignment found on the school website.

7th Grade

- Choose a novel to read and then complete the Think-Tac-Toe. It is due by the end of the second week of school to your ELA teacher. You will be given extra credit for this assignment being returned by the deadline.
- CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge Students are **required** to read Long Walk to Water and complete the assignment found on the school website. Additionally, they must choose another novel from the Newberry Award and Newberry Honors list and complete the Think-Tac-Toe. Both assignments are due by the end of the second week of school.

8th Grade

- Choose a novel to read and then complete the Think-Tac-Toe. It is due by the end of the second week of school to your ELA teacher. You will be given extra credit for this assignment being returned by the deadline.
- CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge Students are **required** to read one nonfiction title from the YALSA award winners or honor books and one fiction title from the Michael L. Printz Award winners and finalists (excluding Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson, Monster by Walter Dean Myers, and The Book Thief by Markus Zusak). Full lists are available on the school website. Both assignments are due by the end of the second week of school.

Think-Tac-Toe

Directions: Read through all the choices below and complete three options below for the novel(s) of your choice. All three assignments can be completed using the same novel or a combination of novels. This is due by the end of the second week of school for credit. Turn it in to your ELA teacher.

<p>Create a plot diagram for the novel that includes the exposition (setting-time and place), events in the rising action, climax, events in the falling action, and the resolution.</p>	<p>Create a new book cover for the novel. Include an appealing front design, a summary on the back that is interesting enough to entice someone without giving too much away, and other items typically found on a book cover like the author's name or reviews.</p>	<p>Create a cartoon strip for the novel. It should demonstrate a clear knowledge of the characters, setting, conflict, rising/falling action, and resolution. It should be at least 15 frames long and include captions and color.</p>
<p>Create a digital book talk about the book in video format. Think of a movie trailer, but for a book and not a movie. The video should include enough of the story that readers know the general plot, but not so much that they know the ending. Your video should make people want to read the book. For tips on how to create a digital book talk, go to: library.conroeisd.net/book_trailers</p>	<p>For each chapter, choose a standout sentence or quote and copy it. Note the page number as well. Explain why you chose the sentence and why you think it is such a standout.</p>	<p>Write a short story about a character in the book. Keep the character true to the writer's original description. Your story should be a minimum of two typed pages, double-spaced, and no larger than size 12 font. You may also submit four handwritten, single-spaced pages.</p>
<p>Write a test about the novel that includes five multiple choice questions, five matching questions, five true/false questions, five short answer questions, and one essay question. You must also provide an answer key.</p>	<p>Create a collage that represents the characters, conflicts, and themes found in the novel. Write a paragraph about each of these areas and how your collage represents them.</p>	<p>Write a letter to the author of the book in which you tell them your thoughts on the novel. Be specific. The letter should be at least one typed page (single-spaced and no larger than size 12 font). It should be formatted like a letter. You may also submit a two-page, handwritten letter.</p>