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Summer Reading & Writing -- Grade 8

Reading

- **Continue reading BOOKS!** Keep up our habit: read a book, rate it on Goodreads (so Goodreads can make increasingly helpful recommendations for you), and then pick up a new book. No need to keep a log if you are rating your finished books in GoodReads. You should be able to return to school & share what titles you read, though.

Need recommendations? Check out booklists.yalsa.net -- you can search for award winning books for teens and even print out customized booklists. Or challenge yourself by choosing among the books on PBS's Great American Read. (I've attached the list!)

- I'd also like you to read some nonfiction! We'll be focusing a lot on this in 8th grade. So, read around the Internet (use the list we developed together at the end of the year for websites you'll enjoy!). **Keep a record of the five most interesting articles you read this summer.** (These articles should be from throughout the summer -- not the day before school starts.) We'll be using this at the beginning of the year!

Article Title	Author	Website

Language Study

- As you read, find 5 words you don't know the meaning of. We will use these when you get back to school! Write your words here:

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Writing

- You will be joining middle school writers, high school writers, and teachers across the country to use the 100 Days of Summer Writing slidedeck (bit.ly/2jYYcaO) as inspiration for **at least 10** pieces of summer Notebook Time writing.

(Remember: Notebook Time is about 10-15 minutes of active writing. We have practiced this for an entire school year already! Use what you know.)

- Your Notebook Time writing should go in a slideshow in your St. M Google Drive. Share this slideshow with me: rodell@stmschool.net.
 - Each Notebook Time writing should go in its own slide. (So, you should have a minimum of 10 slides when you're done!)
 - Each slide should:
 - Include the slide number to which you are responding.
 - Include the writing / drawing you create.
 - It can be formatted or decorated any way you want.