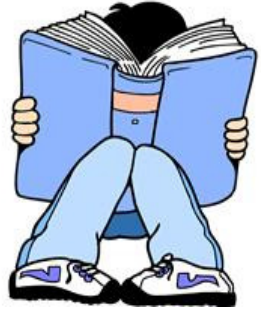


Summer 2012 Reading Assignment
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You may buy or borrow your books (traditional or e-books). Blue Ridge Books on Main Street has a summer reading display and may give you a discount if you mention that you are a Tuscola student. This assignment and all links are on our class website (above).

Please read two books this summer; one is assigned, and one is your choice.

Novel: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Narrated by Death, this Holocaust novel is lengthy but fascinating!

1. Read the entire novel and be prepared to say something intelligent about the book that goes beyond just the plot. Think about connections to your life, prior Holocaust/history knowledge, etc.
2. Create one good discussion question and two different answers to that one question about the novel. Remember that good discussion questions show higher-level thinking and do not have simple answers that all readers agree with, allowing you to compose two *different* answers.
 - ◆ To help you, good examples from *Romeo and Juliet* are:
 - What is the biggest obstacle between Juliet and Romeo? Explain.
 - Is it better to read the play in Shakespearean English or in modern translation? Why?
 - ◆ These are two examples to help you, but remember to write one question with two different answers.
 - ◆ Suggested length: one question plus two paragraphs (one for each answer)
3. Be ready for a test the first week of school.

Nonfiction Work: your choice

1. Choose a nonfiction work of at least 100 pages. It can be on any topic you like!
2. Before purchasing or reading your book, you must get it approved by emailing me no later than June 30. Your email will be your first minor class grade. In your email, please include:
 - ◆ Your name
 - ◆ Book title
 - ◆ Author
 - ◆ Why this book appeals to you
 - ◆ Something interesting you'd like me to know about youI will respond within one week. If you need help choosing a work, the American Library Association has a nicely annotated list, but *please do not feel confined to this list!*
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2005/nonfiction.cfm>
3. Be ready the first week of school to complete a writing assignment on this book.

If you have any questions, email Mrs. Tucker: jtucker@haywood.k12.nc.us