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## **Summer Reading Assignment**

The summer is a crucial time for students to continue cultivating their reading skills. All students entering grade 8 must read at least **two books from the list below** over the summer.

When students resume classes in the fall, they will be assessed on the books they read over the summer. Students need to complete **both** of the provided graphic organizers-- **one for each** of the books selected- identifying TWO adjectives that describe what the **protagonist** of the novel is like **AND** text-based details to support the claims.

Students are also encouraged to keep their own notes about important information including events, characters, setting, and so on.

Students will need access to these books during the first few weeks of school.

## PLEASE CHOOSE AT LEAST TWO (2) BOOKS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

## Grade 8 English

#### **Male Protagonists**

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, by Douglas Adams Something Wicked This Way Comes, by Ray Bradbury

The Call of the Wild, by Jack London

The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien

Crash, by Jerry Spinelli

Canyons, by Gary Paulson

Armada, by Ernst Cline

If I Ever Get Out of Here, by Eric Gansworth

Grenade, by Alan Gratz

Long Way Down, by Jason Reynolds

The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie

#### **Female Protagonists**

Counting By Sevens, by Holly Goldberg Sloan
A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle
Sticks and Stones, by Abby Cooper
Fish in a Tree, by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Brown Girl Dreaming, by Jacqueline Woodson
Island of the Blue Dolphins, by Scott O'Dell
When You Reach Me, by Rebecca Stead
The Thing About Jellyfish, by Ali Benjamin
The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Heaven, by Angela Johnson
Everything, Everything, by Nicola Yoon
I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter, by Erika L. Sanchez

Below is a list of suggested adjectives for you to use when completing the graphic organizers:

Adventurous	Compassionate	Nervous
Affectionate	Courageous	Optimistic
Ambitious	Curious	Responsible
Angry	Dependable	Secretive
Bossy	Generous	Talented
Brilliant	Honest	Thoughtful
Cautious	Independent	Timid
Clever	Lonely	Trustworthy

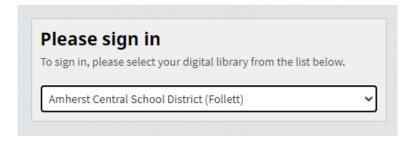
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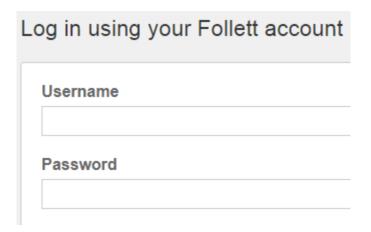
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## Book #1

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		Page #
	Explain how and why this quot	e supports your claim
	Second quote from	n the text
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# Book #2

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Explain how and why this quote	∋ supports your claim