

John Witherspoon Middle School

2013 Summer Reading List

English Department

Rising Grade 8

“To read a book for the first time is to make an acquaintance with a new friend; to read it for a second time is to meet an old one.”...Chinese saying

Directions for required reading: Read *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Complete the graphic organizer on the reverse side of this page and bring it to class on the first day of school. Be prepared to discuss and write about the novel when you return to school.

A second book is to be read from the following list of choices. Be prepared to discuss and/or write about the second book with your 8th grade classmates.

1. *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
2. *Mazerunner* by James Dashner
3. *The Pigman* by Paul Zindel
4. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
5. *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
6. *The Moonstone* by Wilkie Collins
7. *Dunk* by David Lubar
8. *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
9. *The Boys of Summer* by Roger Kahn
10. *Trash* by Andy Mulligan
11. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
12. A biography/autobiography of your own choosing

(Students: Return this completed paper to your English teacher during the first week of school).

Parent Approval:

Dear Parents or Guardians:

Please indicate below your approval of your child’s second reading:

Title: _____ Author: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Graphic Organizer for *The House on Mango Street*

An important event in the novel is... (Explain and provide page numbers)	
I chose this event because...	
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