

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING

James Printer-A Novel of Rebellion by Paul Samuel Jacobs

Your first literature test will be on James Printer. It will include identification of Jacobs' use of literary devices, identification of characters based upon dialogue quotations, and several short answer responses about the plot.

We will also use the novel, along with a non-fiction essay from the Pilgrim Hall Museum (to be handed out in class in August) to locate passage quotes that support the thesis that Jacobs makes use of accurate historical details in this work of historical fiction.

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

A "recall" check test will be given.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

You are to choose a minimum of five songs that would be appropriate for a soundtrack. Note (write on a paper) the place in the story where each song would play and why each is a good selection for that passage or occurrence.

Free Choice

Read! Read! Read! Read whatever you want to read (with parental approval that is) and figure out a way to demonstrate that you read it and explain why reading it was (or was not) a worthwhile expenditure of your time. Here are some examples of what you could do, as discussed in class: Choose something to read simultaneously with a peer and email one another about your reactions. Or, read an article in a magazine and write a letter to the editor about it. Or, do something artistic (a portrait of the main character?), if you are so inclined. JUST READ, and THINK about what you read, and ENJOY the fact that you can CHOOSE. READ. and THINK.