

Incoming Eighth Grade Summer Reading

For summer reading, you will read two books. First, choose one book from the following list:

- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry (*The Giver* series)

The second book should be an independent reading book of your choice.

Choose one writing option for each book. You are allowed to choose the same option for both books, or you can choose two different options. Your response to each writing prompt should be at least one page (double-spaced), typed, using MLA format.

- Option 1: Explain a theme from the book. A theme is an underlying idea, meaning, or message you can find in a story. Use examples from the story to show how the theme is present in the book.
- Option 2: Write a review of the book. Explain your opinion of the book, including specific things you either liked or did not like about it. Would you recommend it to others? Why or why not?
- Option 3 (creative): Write a short story based on the book. Your story can be a sequel or prequel to the book, or it can simply be about some characters or settings from the book. Use your imagination!