

## Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2021

Choose and read **ONE** book (either fiction or biography) from the list below.

The numbers after some of the books are their Lexile Level. The higher the Lexile, the more difficult the book. You can find more information about Lexile at [Lexile.com](http://Lexile.com)

After you read, create a **book talk**.

### **Fiction**

*I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov 820L

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen 870-1030L

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle 900-1080L

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson 970-1100L

*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London 780-1120L

### **Biography**

*Gandhi: A Life Inspired* by Lynn M Hamilton

*Marching for Freedom* by Elizabeth Partridge 960L

*Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Brian Stevenson 1040L (Adapted for

Young Adults)

Name:

## Book Talk

1. Introduce the book (Title, Author, Main Character(s), Setting):
2. Write a brief summary discussing the plot and the theme of the story (do not give away the ending):
3. Tell about your favorite part of the book (or make a connection to the book):
4. Read a short excerpt from the book and explain why you chose it.  
Write page number here: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Give a brief recommendation. Explain why you recommend the book or why you liked the book and think others will like it too (e.g., if you like\_\_\_\_, you will love this book, or I recommend this book to anyone who likes\_\_\_\_):

Be prepared to give your book talk in the first 2 weeks of the school year.

You will be graded on the following criteria:

- Assignment turned in on time.
- Written portion (above) complete.
- Written portion has complete sentences, proper capitalization, and punctuation.
- Oral presentation ( 3-minute minimum, clear voice, appropriate volume, eye contact, 5 parts from written portion, and enthusiasm for the book).
- Visual aid

### Book Talk SCORING SHEET

Student name:

Presentation Date:

Book Title:

4	3	2	1
EXCEEDS expectations	MEETS expectations	APPROACHING expectations	Needs more time to develop skills

Assignment was turned in on time	N/A	3	2	1
Written portion is complete	N/A	3	2	1
Written portion includes complete sentences, proper capitalization, and punctuation	4	3	2	1
Oral presentation includes all parts of written portion (introduction, summary, favorite part, excerpt, recommendation)	N/A	3	2	1
Oral presentation: clear voice, appropriate volume, and eye contact	4	3	2	1
Oral presentation: visual aid	/1			
Oral presentation: enthusiasm for the book	/2			
Final score	/20			