

4ème/ Grade 8 Group 1

Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to 4ème/ Grade 8 Group One. This year will be a busy- and fun- one; we are going to make a head start this summer. You will see the instructions for the *Summer Reading Assignment* below. **Please make sure you read the directions carefully.**

Please read one of the following books and do one of the assignments below for the book you have chosen. Be sure to bring your **assignment** and your **book** to your **first OIB lesson**. Your assignment will be graded out of 20. You can find most of these books on the internet or order them through the *Forum du Livre* in Rennes. I'm looking forward to seeing you in September.

Book List

***A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle**

Charles, Meg and their friend Calvin travel through 'a wrinkle in time' in search of their missing father. Can they beat the evil forces they meet on their dangerous journey through time and space?

***The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien**

Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit who only wants to be left alone, is drawn by a wizard and a band of homeless dwarves into a quest where he confronts evil orcs, savage wolves, and the great dragon, Smaug the Magnificent.

***The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank, Otto Frank (Ed.), Miriam Pressler (Ed.)**

The autobiography of Anne Frank who, with her family, flees the horrors of Nazi occupation and hides in the back of an Amsterdam warehouse for two years. She is thirteen when she goes into the Secret Annex with her family.

***Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer (For stronger readers)**

The author relates his experience of climbing Mount Everest during its deadliest season and examines what it is about the mountain that makes people willingly subject themselves to such risk, hardship, and expense.

***The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* by Ernest J. Gaines**

A fictional biography set in rural southern Louisiana. This is the story of Jane Pittman, born a slave and witness to 100 years of American history, including the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon**

A murder mystery novel. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He knows a great deal about maths and little about human beings. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.

All information is taken from the 'Amazon' site.

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Assignment choices:

1. Choose the **ten** most important events in the story and **create a timeline** (a long line that sequences events).

On a separate sheet **explain why** each **event** is **important** to the story. Your **explanation** should be two sides in total: A4 typed, double-spaced, font size 12, Times Roman (or the equivalent length if you prefer to handwrite your assignment).

On a **third** sheet **describe** your **favourite scene** through an **illustration** (which you must draw) and an **explanation** why it is your favourite scene (ten lines typed for the explanation or the equivalent length if you prefer to handwrite your assignment- your drawing can be whichever size you like).

OR

2. Create the **chapter** that comes **BEFORE** this novel. What might have happened before? The new chapter needs to be believable. The story's **point of view** needs to remain **as originally written** (first person, second person, third person). Two to three sides A4, typed, double-spaced, font size 12, Times Roman (or the equivalent length if you prefer to handwrite your assignment).

Happy reading!

To get ahead:

We will be reading these books. Order them NOW, please, to avoid disappointment :

1. *The Giver*, Lois Lowry ISBN 978-0440237686 (if you already have a copy of *The Giver* that is not this ISBN number that is fine- it just means that we will not have the same page numbers).

2. *The Wave*, Todd Strasser