

Students entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Accelerated English are expected to complete two assignments during the summer. All assignments are due on the first day of school.

**Required Assignments:**

1. Choose and read **one** of the following nonfiction books:
  - A. *10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War* by Philip Caputo
  - B. *Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football's Make-or-Break Moment* by Carla Killough McClafferty
  - C. *Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case* by Chris Crowe
  - D. *How the Beatles Changed the World* by Martin W. Sandler
  
2. Use post-it notes to annotate your reading of the book you choose. I suggest four different colors of notes, each to correspond with a different question. Your annotations should be thorough, thoughtful, and specific in addressing the following questions:
  - A. What is the author's argument about his or her content?
  - B. What evidence in support of that argument seems most important?
  - C. What connections between the content of the book and your own background knowledge can you make?
  - D. What questions emerge for you as a reader?

**Please Note:** The annotations you write are your primary responses to the assigned summer reading, your first opportunities to impress your new English teacher. Both the reading and the annotations should be taken seriously and should be done fully and well. Meet and then exceed expectations.



Enjoy a wonderful summer!