



8th grade Summer Reading Requirements

Fiction: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (Advanced class)

OR

Daniel's Story by Carol Matas (Standard class)

Each of the above fiction selections is designed to get students thinking about our first literary unit of study in 8th grade, Voices of the Holocaust. Please select the correct novel for class placement.

Nonfiction: *Strong Inside- Young Readers Edition* by Andrew Maraniss

This nonfiction selection is recommended, as it tells the local true story of the first African American to play college basketball in the South in the 1960s. The author notes that there is limited use of the derogatory racial terms used during that time to accurately portray history.

OR

A nonfiction book of your choice that is at or above grade level and has NOT been read previously.

Assignments:

After reading the fiction novel (either *The Book Thief* or *Daniel's Story*), you will complete the Story Map, Reader's Sketchbook sheet, and the Character Trait sheet (for which you will select three traits of one character).

After reading *Strong Inside* (or alternative nonfiction selection), complete the nonfiction book report form.