

Franklin Township Public Schools
Grade 9
Summer Reading Assignment

DIRECTIONS: Choose a novel to read from the following book list. You may choose any of the titles on the list. You must read **at least one** of the following novels in order to complete the summer reading assignment.

After you finish the novel, you are to complete the multi-genre writing assignments from the attached assignment sheet. There is also a rubric with guiding questions to assist you.

The entire assignment is due to your English teacher on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**. You will turn in your project to your English teacher. It will count toward your first marking period grade.

WHERE DO I GET MY SUMMER READING BOOK?

Books are available for you at a number of sites:

- Franklin Township Public Library (485 DeMott Lane. Somerset, NJ 08873)
- Local bookstores:
 - The Barnes and Noble in North Brunswick (869 Route 1 South North Brunswick, NJ 08902) has copies of these books, as well as booklists for Franklin High School, available in the store.
- Copies of *Of Mice and Men* are available to borrow for the summer from your English teacher if you choose to read that particular novel.

Book Title	Author	Synopsis
Black Like Me	John Howard Griffin	Deeply committed to the cause of racial justice and frustrated by his inability as a white man to understand the black experience, Griffin decides to take a radical step: he decides to undergo medical treatment to change the color of his skin and temporarily become a black man.
My Sister's Keeper	Jodi Picoult	13- year-old Anna Fitzgerald sues her parents for rights to her own body. Anna was conceived as a donor for her sister Kate, who is 16 and has leukemia. Anna donated genetic material throughout her life, and the latest donation is for her to give a kidney to Kate. If she wins the lawsuit, she would not have to donate.
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Two migrant field workers in California's Salinas Valley during the Great Depression arrive at a ranch near Soledad, southeast of Salinas, California, to "work up a stake." They hope to realize their dream.
Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	Melinda Sordino is starting high school with a terrible secret and without any friends. At an end of summer party, Melinda was raped by a senior. She carries the burden of this alone, confused and inwardly tortured. Once a happy girl, she is now depressed, withdrawn and hardly ever speaks.
Fast Food Nation	Eric Schlosser	Journalist Schlosser argues that the fast food industry has triggered the growth of malls in America's landscape, widened the gap between rich and poor, fueled an epidemic of obesity, and propelled American cultural imperialism abroad. He discusses facts about food production and preparation, the ingredients and taste-enhancers in the food, the chains' efforts to reel in young, susceptible consumers, and other unsettling facts.
The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton	Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

Gifted Hands	Ben Carson	The story of Ben Carson, M.D. will inspire readers as they watch an inner-city youngster rise to become director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University Hospital
Kitchen	Banana Yoshimoto	What seems like a coming-of-age melodrama quickly evolves into a deeply moving tale filled with unique characters and themes. Mikage addresses the role of death, loneliness, and personal as well as sexual identity through a set of striking circumstances and personal remembrances.
Buried Onions	Gary Soto	Despite pervasive fear, seedy squalor, and sweltering heat, there is an encouraging seed of hope in this tale of faith and survival in an out-of-control world. And while there is plenty to cry over in this story of a young man trying to escape what appears to be his destiny, there is also much to cheer and celebrate.
The Chosen	Chaim Potok	This is the odyssey from boyhood to manhood for two Jewish boys amidst the conflict between generations and religious traditions.
Prague: A Novel	Arthur Phillips	<i>Prague</i> depicts an intentionally lost Generation as it follows five American expats who come to Budapest in the early 1990s to seek their fortune—financial, romantic, and spiritual—in an exotic city newly opened to the West.
Omnivore’s Dilemma (young reader’s edition)	Michael Pollan	From fast food and big organic to small farms and old-fashioned hunting and gathering, this young readers' adaptation of Pollan's famous food-chain exploration encourages kids to consider the personal and global health implications of their food choices. <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma</i> serves up a bold message to the generation that needs it most: It's time to take charge of our national eating habits—and it starts with you.

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Multi-Genre Writing Assignments

Directions:

1. Choose **ONE** short genre writing assignment and **ONE** long genre writing assignment. Select writing assignments that can be used with the reading you have selected.
2. The writing assignments are to be based on the book you have read and should reflect that characters, events, themes, motifs of the book.
3. Use the guiding questions that are attached to assist you with the completion of the assignment.

Short Genre Writing Assignments	Long Genre Writing Assignments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anagram • Bad news memo • Business card • Cartoon • Comic strip • Commercial (radio, television, or online) • Grave marker/tombstone • Grocery list • Haiku • Math problem • Obituary • Pop-up ad • Public service announcement • Voice mail message 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims letter • Collage-word, visual, aural • Congratulatory letter • Diary entry • Expository essay • Feature article • Memoir • Monologue • Personal commentary • Quiz • Recipe • Resume • Scrapbook • Sonnet

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Multi-Genre Rubric

Name _____

Grade _____

Title of Book _____

Short Genre

Assignment _____

Long Genre

Assignment _____

Guiding Questions

Use of genre	Is the genre selected appropriate for the book? Does the writing include all components generally included in the genre? Is the language appropriate to the genre used?
Organization	Is the writing easy to read? Does the organization fit the genre being used? Is there a logical order to the writing?
Focus	Does everything in the writing support the topic? Do all the details add to the writing?
Detailed Information	Does the writing supply specific details which demonstrate understanding of the novel studied? Is there enough information to thoroughly cover the topic of the writing? Is the information included in the writing appropriate tot the genre?
Creativity	Is the project visually appealing? Does the writing make good use of the genre's possibility for illustration, art, and color?
Conventions	Is the writing free of grammatical and spelling errors?
Presentation	Are written pieces typed and of final draft quality? Do written pieces look professional and well crafted?