

8th Grade Criteria

REQUIRED READING:

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman - Ernest Gaines

Jane Pittman is born into slavery on a plantation somewhere in Louisiana. Jane is called "Tacey" during her days as a slave and has no parents; her mother died as a result of a beating when Jane was a child, and Jane did not know her father. One day toward the end of the war, some fleeing confederate soldiers arrive, followed soon after by some union soldiers. While being served water by Jane, one Union soldier named Corporal Brown tells Jane that she will soon be free and can then visit him in Ohio.

*** A Novel Overview Form must be completed for this book.**

Novel Overview Forms were given to each student with the summer reading list. Novel Overview Forms will also be available all summer during school office hours, and on the school web site. A drop in letter grade will occur each day the form is overdue beginning with the first day of school.

Parents/Students please note:

- * Please initial each title when your student completes the book listed.
- * The library will be open on **Thursdays from 9AM -12NOON beginning June 11th**, for students to check out books, pick up Novel Overview Forms, and take AR quizzes.
- * **Summer points will apply toward first AR Term.**
- * **SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE WHEN TAKING "AR" QUIZZES.**
- * Books may be checked out for 1 week through the summer.
- * Add any additional books you read to your log, even if they are not on the suggested list.

SUGGESTED READING LIST:

TITLE	AUTHOR
Ironman	Christ Crutcher
Joey Pigza Swallowed the key	Jack Gantas
Dancer	Lorri Hewett
I Have Lived A Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust	Livia Jackson
Crash	Jerry Spinelli
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea *	Jules Verne
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams
And Then There Were None *	Agatha Christie
The Hobbit *	J.R. Tolkien
On the Devil's Court	Carl Deuker
Rebecca *	Daphne du Maurier
The Diary of Anne Frank *	Anne Frank
I Am the Cheese	Robert Cormier
My Life in Dog Years	Gary Paulsen
Hoop Dreams	Ben Joravsky
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Sizzlin' Hot Breakfast.....2 Books

* The required reading plus ONE additional book from the suggested reading list qualifies you for the breakfast.

Top in Class.....highest number pages read

Top Class...highest total cumulative pages read