

8TH GRADE SUMMER READING

All incoming 8th graders are required to read DRUMS, GIRLS + DANGEROUS PIE by Jordan Sonnenblick and complete the following project.

LITERATURE LETTER

- Write a letter addressed to Mrs. Mamelson
- Include the following information in the letter:
 - **First Paragraph** (indented) should have:
 - Title of Book (italics & spelled correctly)
 - Author's name (spelled correctly)
 - BRIEFLY describe setting (time and place) and main characters
 - **Next paragraphs:**
 - Choose four (4) from the list of "openers" and write about what you have read (see openers below)
 - Paragraphs should be about 4-6 sentences long
 - Be sure to give at least one example to support your opener
 - Share your opinions, feelings, connections, experience, etc.
 - **Openers for paragraphs:**
 - "The part of the book that I will remember is...because..."
 - "I rated this book a _____ because..."
 - "I like the way the author..."
 - "I wonder why the author..."
 - "The book reminded me of..." or "What I read makes me think about..."
 - "The character I liked the most was _____, because..." OR "I think the character feels...because"
 - "This story teaches a lesson about..."
 - "I was surprised that..."
 - "The problem in the story is..."
 - "The ending was too _____ (predictable, sad, happy), and I would change..."