

Dear Students and Families:

Summer will be here soon! The school year flew by and now it is time for summer reading and writing. Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade **Advanced** students must complete the following assignments. We are very serious about summer reading and vocabulary at OTMS. You are expected to complete the following assignments with excellence. Summer assignments are due the first week of school and all assignments will be averaged into the first semester grade.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Reading:**

*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Be prepared for an in-class essay on the required book when we return to school – a prompt will be given and students will be timed (5-paragraph essay).

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Choose an additional book from the list and complete the book review assignment which is explained on the following pages:

*You Go First* – by Erin Entrada

*Down and Across* – by Arvin Ahmadi

*Ungifted* – by Gordon Korman

*Man Who Was Poe* – by Avi

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Required Vocabulary (see attached list)**

All vocabulary words are to be handwritten on individual flashcards with the word on one side, and the part of speech and definition on the other. You will turn in the 280 flashcards for a grade. The flashcards will be used to study for vocabulary tests throughout the year. **You will be tested on all 280 at the start & at the end of the year.**

You must understand that this is not too much work if you pace yourself throughout the summer and do not wait until the last minute. We are looking forward to teaching you next year!

Sincerely,

Jamerson & Siegal-8<sup>th</sup> Grade English (Advanced)

# OTMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer 2022 READING LIST & REQUIREMENTS

## for **ADVANCED**

**All students** entering eighth grade **must read** at least **one book this summer**; however, **Advanced ELA classes require two** summer reading books.

**Book #1** is a “student choice novel” to be read by all students entering all levels of eighth grade ELA classes. Book #1 should be chosen from the list below.

Once you have read your choice book (**Book #1**), to complete the summer assignment: You will write book review as described on the last page.

**You are responsible for obtaining copies of the books from the library or bookstore and completing the attached writing assignment. Any sign of plagiarism (either from the internet or fellow students) will result in an “0”.**

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**Book #2** is an assigned novel to be read over the summer by students assigned to enter **ADVANCED ELA classes ONLY**. Therefore, students entering advanced classes must read two (2) novels over the summer: one "choice novel" and the assigned novel.

The assigned novel is **GHOST by Jason Reynolds** . An assignment for this required novel will be given by your teacher during the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks marking period. Do **NOT** complete an essay on this novel. Please wait until late July to start reading this novel so that it is fresh for the beginning of school in August.

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### Summer Reading Book Options:

TITLE	AUTHOR	OVERVIEW
You Go First	Erin Entrada	Parents need to know that <i>Down and Across</i> is a coming-of-age story about an Iranian American teen boy who runs away on a quest to learn about perseverance and success. Scott lies to his parents about where he is and takes off for Washington, D.C., where he meets new friends and tracks down a Georgetown professor he believes can help him sort out his life. The story examines the effects of the pressure some immigrant parents put on the their children to succeed. Scott learns a lot of good lessons about responsibility and honest relationships

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<p><b>Ungifted</b></p>	<p><b>Gordon Korman</b></p>	<p>Parents need to know that <i>Ungifted</i> is another page-turning middle-school comic adventure from prolific, kid-pleasing author <a href="#">Gordon Korman</a> (<i>The 39 Clues</i>, <i>Pop</i>). Class prankster Donovan Curtis is definitely "ungifted," at least compared with his high-IQ classmates at the academy for gifted children, where he's sent by mistake. But as it turns out, in a wacky tale incorporating Afghanistan, pregnancy (of Donovan's sister, whose husband is deployed), robotics, bronze statuary, a cranky Chow Chow, and much more, he and the geniuses have a few things to teach one another.</p>
<p><b>Man Who Was Poe</b></p>	<p><b>Avi</b></p>	<p>A captivating mystery in the tradition of Sherlock Holmes</p>

## Grade 8 Book Project - Summer Assignment

**Directions for Book #1** (student choice novel) Write a book review based on the novel you read by following the directions below. This review will be collected the first week of the new school year and will count for a quiz grade.

After reading your novel, think about your reading experience over the summer with the choice novel (Book #1); think about all of the literary elements you have learned about in 6th and 7th grade; reflect on how various literary elements appear in the book and how these elements work together to create an enjoyable story.

### BOOK REVIEW SPECIFICS:

**DIRECTIONS:** Write a **1-page, double spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font**, book review for the additional book you read off of the list. Your review should include a brief summary of the book (what the book was about), connections to the text (as explained below), and whether or not you recommend the book to other readers and why. Reviews are due the first week of school.

### *Making Text Connections*

● When reading any text (whether it be a book, article, film, TV show, YouTube video, political cartoon, or song), you should try to connect with it in a meaningful way. **There are three ways to do this:**

1. **Text to Self** — Discuss the ways that you personally relate to the text. What value was this text to you as an individual?
2. **Text to Text** — Discuss the connections you see between this text and others you have read, seen, or heard. How are the ideas or approaches here similar to others?
3. **Text to World** — Discuss what connections you see between the important aspects of this text and the world around us. How do ideas here relate to current or recent events or social conversations?

**\*Requirements:** Typed, Google Doc, 12-point font, TIMES NEW ROMAN font, double-space, correct spelling and mechanics.

**\*Grading:** The review will be evaluated on how sharply you focus on the topic and purpose, how well you organize and communicate your ideas, how clearly you illustrate your points with evidence from the text, and how thoroughly you explain and elaborate on your points and examples.

**VOCABULARY WORDS 1-280**  
**8th Grade- ADVANCED**

1. ADMONISH (v) warn; reprove
2. ADVERSARY (n) opponent; enemy
3. ADVOCATE (v) urge or plead for
4. AFFABLE (adj.) friendly; agreeable
5. AMELIORATE (v) to improve; make better
6. ANECDOTE (n) a brief, humorous story
7. ASSUAGE (v) to reduce pain
8. ASTUTE (adj.) wise; shrewd; clever; ready witted
9. ATROPHY (v) to waste away from lack of use
10. AUGMENT (v) to add to; to increase
11. AUSTERITY (n) sternness; severity
12. AUTONOMY (n) self-rule; independence
13. AVARICE (n) greed; cupidity
14. BALLYHOO (n) noisy attention-getting demonstration/talk
15. BAMBOOZLE (v) to deceive by elaborate trickery; to hoodwink
16. BANAL (adj.) hackneyed; commonplace; trite; dull; ordinary
17. BASTION (n) a stronghold; a fort
18. BEDLAM (n) uproar; confusion
19. BELLICOSE (adj.) warlike; quarrelsome
20. BENEVOLENT (adj.) generous; charitable; kindly; well-wishing
21. BENIGN (adj.) kindly; favorable; good-natured; not malignant
22. BEQUEATH (v) to leave to someone in a will; hand down
23. BILLET-DOUX (n) a love letter
24. BIZARRE (adj.) out of the ordinary; freakish; eccentric; odd
25. BLASPHEMY (n) cursing; irreverence, sacrilege
26. BOISTEROUS (adj) rough; stormy; loud; violent; lacking restraint
27. BOGUS (adj) make-believe; fake
28. BOMBAST (n) pretentious, inflated speech or writing
29. BONA FIDE (adj.) made in good faith; genuine
30. BOUDOIR (n) a woman's dressing room, bedroom
31. BOYCOTT (v) to protest by refusing to buy/deal with
32. BREVITY (n) conciseness; right to the point
33. BROUHAHA (n) hubbub; uproar; furor
34. BUFFOON (n) a clown; comedian or laughable person
35. BUTTRESS (v.) to support or prop
36. CAMOUFLAGE (n) concealment by appearing
37. CANDOR (n) frankness; honesty
38. CENSURE (v) severely criticize; blame
39. CHRONOLOGY (n) the order or sequence of events
40. COERCION (n) use of force to get someone's compliance
41. COMMEMORATE (v) to honor the memory of someone/something
42. CONCISE (adj.) brief; compact
43. CONDONE (v) overlook; forgive
44. CONVICTION (n) firm belief; state of being sure
45. COWER (v) to crouch or draw back; cringe
46. CRYPTIC (adj.) secret; mysterious
47. DELINEATE (v) to portray
48. DELUDED (adj) deceived; cheated; misled; tricked; duped; hoodwinked

49. DESPOT (n) tyrant; cruel ruler
50. DISDAIN (v) to treat with scorn or contempt
51. DISPERSE (v) scatter
52. DRONE (v) to talk on and on in a dull way
53. DUBIOUS (adj.) doubtful
54. DULCET (adj.) sweet; melodious; soothing
55. DUPLICITY (n) double-dealing; conniving; lying
56. ECCENTRIC (adj.) out; out-of-the-ordinary; quirky
57. ELABORATION (n) addition of details; intricacy
58. ELEGIAC (adj) mournful, melancholic; plaintive; nostalgic; lamenting
59. ELUSIVE (adj.) evasive; baffling; hard-to-grasp
60. EMACIATED (adj.) thin and wasted
61. EMBARGO (n) govt. prohibition on trade w/another nation
62. EMBELLISH (v) to adorn
63. ENIGMA (n) something puzzling, a riddle
64. ENTHUSIASTIC (adj) showing great interest or excitement
65. EXACERBATE (v) to make worse; embitter
66. EXEMPLARY (adj.) serving as a model of excellence
67. EXPLICIT (adj.) definite; open; specific
68. EXPONENT (n) one who speaks for, represents, advocates
69. EXPUNGE (v) to strike out, to erase, to remove
70. EXTOL (v) to praise; glorify
71. EXTRICATE (v) to free; disentangle
72. EXULT (v) to rejoice greatly; be jubilant, triumphant
73. FALLACIOUS (adj.) misleading; false
74. FASTIDIOUS (adj.) difficult to please; squeamish; finicky
75. FERVOR (n) glowing ardor; burning intensity of feeling
76. FLOURISH (v) to thrive; grow or develop luxuriantly
77. FORMIDABLE (adj.) frightening; dreadful; awe-inspiring
78. FRIVOLITY (n) lack of seriousness
79. GALA (n) festival; celebration
80. GARBLED (adj.) mixed up (as in a message)
81. GARGOYLE (n) a rain spout in shape of grotesque figure
82. GAUNTLET (n) a thick, heavy glove (from a suit of armor)
83. GERMINATE (v) to begin to grow, sprout
84. GLOBULE (n) a tiny drop; a small ball
85. GOOGOL (n) 1 followed by 100 zeroes (10 to 100<sup>th</sup> power)
86. GOSSAMER (adj.) light, tenuous, delicate
87. GRAVITY (n) seriousness
88. GREGARIOUS (adj.) sociable
89. GUERRILLA (n) member of military force not part of army
90. GUILE (n) deceit; duplicity; cunning
91. GURU (n) one who is followed as leader, teacher, spiritual leader
92. GYRATE (v) to revolve around a point or axis
93. HACKNEYED (adj.) commonplace; trite
94. HALCYON (adj.) calm, peaceful
95. HAPHAZARD (adj.) random; by chance
96. HARBINGER (n) forerunner; herald
97. HAUGHTINESS (n) pride; arrogance
98. HEDONISM (n) belief that pleasure is the sole aim in life

99. HERESY (n) opinion contrary to popular belief
100. HERITAGE (n) something (tradition) passed down generations
101. HIEROGLYPHIC (n) Egyptian system of writing
102. HIRSUTE (adj.) very hairy
103. HOLOCAUST (n) widespread destruction, especially by fire
104. HOLOGRAM (n) 3 dimensional photographic record
105. HOMOGENEOUS (adj.) of the same kind
106. HYPOCRITICAL (adj.) pretending to be virtuous; deceiving
107. HYPOTHETICAL (adj.) based on assumptions
108. IMMUNE (adj) protected from disease naturally or by vaccine
109. IMMUTABLE (adj.) unchangeable; permanent
110. IMPERTINENT (adj) offensively bold; rude
111. INAUGURATE (v) to start; initiate; install into office
112. INCESSANT (adj.) uninterrupted; unending; non-stop
113. INCIDENTAL (adj.) not essential; minor
114. INCORRIGIBLE (adj.) uncorrectable; hard to deal with
115. INDOLENT (adj.) lazy
116. INEPT (adj) incompetent; inexpert; clumsy; ham-fisted; bungling
117. INEVITABLE (adj.) unavoidable; bound to happen
118. INFERENCE (n) act of deciding/concluding by reasoning evidence
119. INNATE (adj.) inborn
120. INNOCUOUS (adj.) harmless; insignificant
121. IRRESOLUTE (adj.) uncertain how to act; weak
122. IRREVERENCE (n) lack of proper respect
123. JAUNTY (adj) showing carefree self-confident air
124. JOVIAL (adj) jolly; full of fun and good cheer
125. KINDLE (v) to start a fire; inspire
126. LABYRINTHINE (adj.) complicated; perplexing; mazelike
127. LACONIC (adj.) brief; to the point
128. LAMBENT (adj.) softly bright; flickering
129. LANGUID (adj.) slow & listless
130. LAUD (v) to praise
131. LEGACY (n) a gift made in a will
132. LETHARGIC (adj.) drowsy; dull
133. LEVITY (n) lightness; humor
134. LIBATION (n) a beverage (sometimes religious offering)
135. LICHEN (n) organism w/fungus & algae together
136. LIGHT-YEAR (n) distance light travels in one year (5.88 trillion miles)
137. LINEAGE (n) descent in a direct line from an ancestor
138. LOQUACIOUS (adj.) given to excessive talking
139. LISTLESS (adj.) without energy or enthusiasm
140. LUDICROUS (adj.) laughable b/c of obvious absurdity
141. LUCID (adj.) easily understood
142. LUGUBRIOUS (adj.) exaggeratedly or affectedly mournful
143. LUMINARY (n) one who is notable in a particular field
144. MAELSTROM (n) a powerful whirlpool; turmoil
145. MAGNANIMOUS (adj.) especially generous
146. MANACLE (n) a handcuff; a restraint
147. MANEUVER (n) planned movement/procedure involving skill/cunning
148. MARSUPIAL (n) mammals w/pouch outside female body for a baby

149. MASTICATE (v) to chew; to soften by crushing
150. MAUSOLEUM (n) a large, elaborate tomb
151. MELLIFLUOUS (adj.) smoothly flowing; sweet
152. METAMORPHOSIS (n) a transformation; a marked alteration
153. METICULOUS (adj.) excessively careful
154. MISERLY (adj.) stingy; mean
155. MITIGATE (v) to appease
156. MONOLITH (n) a single large stone (often column/monument)
157. MONOLOGUE (n) long uninterrupted speech by one person
158. MOROSE (adj.) ill-humored
159. MOSAIC (n) a design/picture made of small colored pieces
160. MUNDANE (adj.) worldly as opposed to spiritual
161. MUTATION (n) change, as in form
162. NADIR (n) the lowest point
163. NEBULA (n) thinly spread bright cloud of gas/dust in night sky
164. NOCTURNAL (adj.) pertaining to the night; active at night
165. NODULE (n) a small lump
166. NOTORIETY (n) disrepute; ill fame
167. NOVEL (adj.) new; interesting
168. NUISANCE (n) a bother; source of inconvenience
169. NULLIFY (v) to make invalid
170. NURTURE (v) to bring up; feed; educate
171. OMINOUS (adj) threatening; gloomy; portentous; menacing; boding evil
172. OPULENCE (n) wealth
173. PERVASIVE (adj.) spread throughout; permeating
174. PIETY (n) religious devotion; godliness
175. PILFER (v) to steal insignificant items
176. PINION (v) to restrain by binding the arms; to hold fast
177. PINNACLE (n) the highest point; a spire
178. PLACATE (v) pacify; conciliate
179. PLATEAU (n) elevated relatively level land
180. PLUMMET (v) to fall or plunge straight downward
181. POGROM (n) an organized persecution or massacre
182. POLYGLOT (adj.) using several languages
183. PONDEROUS (adj.) weighty; heavy; unwieldy
184. POSH (adj.) elegant; fashionable
185. POTABLE (adj.) fit to drink
186. PRECARIOUS (adj.) dangerous, risky; dependent on chance
187. PROFANE (adj.) to violate; desecrate
188. PROGENY (n) offspring; descendants
189. PROJECTILE (n) a missile; something thrown
190. PROMONTORY (n) a high point of land or rock projecting into water
191. PROSTRATE (adj.) lying flat; face down
192. PROTAGONIST (n) main character in drama/literary work
193. PROXIMITY (n) nearness
194. PUGILIST (n) fighter; boxer
195. PULCHRITUDE (n) physical beauty
196. PULVERIZE (v) to pound, crush, grind to dust or powder
197. QUANDARY (n) dilemma
198. QUARANTINE (n) confinement or isolation to prevent spread of disease
199. QUEUE (n) a waiting line, esp. of persons/vehicles



200. QUOTA (n) amount of something assigned to be made/sold
201. RAINFOREST (n) dense evergreen forest w/annual rain 160"
202. RANDOM (adj) having no specific order
203. RAVENOUS (adj.) hungry; very eager
204. REBUFF (v) to snub; beat back
205. RECALCITRANT (adj.) stubbornly resistant to authority/restraint
206. RECEDE (v) to move back or away from a limit, point, mark
207. RECLUSE (n) a hermit
208. RECTIFY (v) to correct
209. REDUNDANT (adj.) superfluous; saying the same thing over and over
210. REFUTE (v) to disprove; deny
211. RELEGATE (v) to banish; consign to inferior position
212. REMORSE (n) regret for having done wrong
213. REMUNERATION (n) reward, payment
214. RENAISSANCE (n) rebirth, revival (Euro 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> century)
215. RENDEZVOUS (n) an appointment; a meeting place
216. RENEGADE (n) one who rejects a cause, allegiance, religion, etc.
217. RENOUNCE (v) to abandon
218. REPLICATE (v) to duplicate; to repeat
219. REPOSE (n) act of resting
220. REPREHENSIBLE (adj.) deserving blame
221. RESPITE (n) a break; a rest
222. RETICENT (adj.) restrained; uncommunicative; reserved
223. RETRACT (v) withdraw; take back
224. REVERBERATE (v) to echo; to resound
225. REVERE (v) to worship; to honor
226. REVERIE (n) daydream; being lost in thought
227. RIBALD (adj) vulgar; rude; coarse; bawdy; lewd
228. ROSTER (n) a list of names
229. RUMINATE (v) to ponder; to think over
230. SALUTARY (adj.) promoting health; beneficial
231. SANCTION (v) to approve; ratify
232. SATIATED (adj.) fully fed; fully satisfied
233. SAVORY (adj.) tasty; pleasing; attractive; agreeable
234. SEDIMENT (n) matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid
235. SERAPH (n) an angel
236. SILHOUETTE (n) a dark outline against a light background
237. SINEWY (adj.) strong and firm; tough
238. SOLSTICE (n) when the sun is farthest north or south of equator
239. SOMBER (adj.) gloomy; depressing
240. SPECTRUM (n) a band of colors; an entire range
241. SQUANDER (v) to waste
242. STEREOTYPE (n) conventional or oversimplified idea or image
243. STRUT (n) a self-important walk
244. STUPEFY (v) to make numb. stun; amaze
245. SUPERCILIOUS (adj) arrogant; condescending; haughty; disdainful; pompous
246. TACITURN (adj.) quiet; uncommunicative; silent
247. TARIFF (n) a tax or duty on imported or exported goods
248. TANTALIZE (v) to tease by keeping something out of reach
249. TECHNIQUE (n) a procedure or method for accomplishing a task
250. TENDRIL (n) a coiling part

251. TENTATIVE (adj.) not final; uncertain
252. TERSE (adj.) concise; abrupt; pithy
253. TIMOROUS (adj.) easily frightened; timid
254. TITANIC (adj.) huge; powerful
255. TORPID (adj.) dormant; dull; lethargic
256. TORTUOUS (adj.) winding or twisting; devious
257. TOXIN (n) a poisonous substance produced by a living organism
258. TRANQUILITY (n) calmness; serenity
259. TREPIDATION (n) fear; trembling agitation
260. TRIBUTARY (n) a stream or river flowing into a larger stream/river
261. TRUCULENT (adj.) savage; fierce
262. TRUNCATED (adj.) cut off; shortened
263. TUMULT (n) noisy, disorderly activity; emotional agitation
264. TUNDRA (n) a cold, treeless, lowland northern area
265. TURBULENCE (n) state of violent agitation
266. UNANIMOUS (adj) sharing the same opinion; in full agreement
267. UNDULATE (v) to move in waves or w/a wavy motion
268. UNKEMPT (adj.) messy; disheveled; w/uncared for appearance
269. UNOBTRUSIVE (adj.) inconspicuous; not obvious
270. VACCINE (n) substance that stimulated cells in immune system
271. VACILLATE (v) to be unable to decide; to waver
272. VALOR (n) courage; bravery
273. VENERATE (v) to revere
274. VERTEBRATE (n) any of a group of animals w/a backbone
275. VERVE (n) energy; liveliness
276. VIRTUOSO (n) highly skilled artist
277. VIRULENT (adj.) extremely poisonous; harmful; deleterious
278. VORACIOUS (adj) ravenous; very hungry
279. WRETCHED (adj) miserable, very unhappy or unfortunate
280. ZOOLOGY(n) branch of biology that deals with animals