



SUMMER READING

In the midst of all the working, playing, and sleeping you will be doing this summer, there should be some reading, not simply because we require it or it is good for you but because it is *fun*. The book selections below were chosen primarily because they are wonderfully enjoyable. However, they are also well-written and worth your time. Here they are.

The Rithmatist by Brandon Sanderson

More than anything, Joel wants to be a Rithmatist. Rithmatists have the power to infuse life into two-dimensional figures known as Chalklings. Rithmatists are humanity's only defense against the Wild Chalklings. Having nearly overrun the territory of Nebraska, the Wild Chalklings now threaten all of the American Isles. As the son of a lowly chalkmaker at Armedius Academy, Joel can only watch as Rithmatist students learn the magical art that he would do anything to practice. Then students start disappearing—kidnapped from their rooms at night, leaving trails of blood. Assigned to help the professor who is investigating the crimes, Joel and his friend Melody find themselves on the trail of an unexpected discovery—one that will change Rithmatics—and their world—forever. [Amazon.com](#)

I Capture The Castle by Dodie Smith

I Capture the Castle tells the story of seventeen-year-old Cassandra and her family, who live in not-so-genteel poverty in a ramshackle old English castle. Here she strives, over six turbulent months, to hone her writing skills. She fills three notebooks with sharply funny yet poignant entries. Her journals candidly chronicle the great changes that take place within the castle's walls, and her own first descent into love. By the time she pens her final entry, she has "captured the castle"--and the heart of the reader--in one of literature's most enchanting entertainments. [Amazon.com](#)

Bruchko: The Astonishing True Story of a 19-Year-Old American, His Capture by the Motilone Indians and His Adventures in Christianizing the Stone Age Tribe by Bruce Olson

What happens when a nineteen-year-old boy leaves home and heads into the jungles to evangelize a murderous tribe of South American Indians? For Bruce Olson, it meant capture, disease, terror, loneliness, and torture. But what he discovered by trial and error has revolutionized then world of missions. [Amazon.com](#)

So what do we want you to do for summer reading this year?

- Choose one of the book selections and enjoy reading it.
- Complete the short assignment explained below.
- Turn in your completed assignment on Wednesday, August 20, the first day of school. This will be graded, so make sure it is done well and is on time.

The Assignment

For *The Rhythmist*

What are Joel and Melody doing ten years later? Write a letter from Joel to Melody (or from Melody to Joel) that shows what they are doing as adults in relationship to the events in the novel. What are their careers like? What are their personal lives like? Where do they live? What about Dr. Nalizar? Incorporate Joel and Melody's voice and character as revealed in the novel. Write the way they would write!

For *I Capture The Castle*

Imagine you are a tour guide giving a castle tour around England in the present day. For the castle in which the Mortmain's lived, describe the castle based off the description given in the book and give a brief history of the most recent tenants, the Mortmains. You can include your own imagined details of the characters' lives after the book ends.

For *Bruckho*

Write a review of this book similar to the ones readers submit to Amazon or Goodreads. Narrate briefly the important points in the book and then share your personal response and recommendation.

Rubric

Standard Expectations	/20
2 pages long, Times New Roman, 12 point font, double spaced, 1 inch margin	
Mechanics:	/15
Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar	
Requirements:	/40
Writing follows directions and responds to all aspects of prompt	
Style:	/25
Well-written sentences and proper paragraph structure	