

BALLSTON SPA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ballston Spa Central School District

Summer Reading—2021

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

~Sir Richard Steele

Dear Parents and Students:

As the year draws to a close and our minds drift to summer, the English department at the Middle School would like to remind everyone of the value of reading. Reading opens doors to new worlds, encourages us to reflect on our own lives and values, imparts knowledge, and sometimes just makes us laugh. More importantly, it is a skill we use throughout our lives.

To encourage summer reading, **students entering grades 6-8 will be required to read one book over the summer months.** Students are free to choose any book. Resources to help with book selection are available online at the Middle School Library website. These books are only suggestions; students are **not** required to choose books from these resources. Graphic novels are acceptable; however, comic books are not acceptable for this assignment. We ask parents and students to discuss the titles in order to select books that are appropriate—both academically and personally.

Attached are fiction and nonfiction graphic organizers. Your child should complete the organizer for the book read: **fiction** for imaginary works and **nonfiction** for true/factual works. Additional graphic organizers will be available on the Middle School Library website as a Google document.

If students prefer to complete the form electronically, they should open the form from the library website and save a copy to their BSCSD Google Drive. **When students return to school in September, they will turn in their work (paper copy or electronic submission in Schoology).**

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Hughes, the English department instructional teacher leader, by email j.hughes@bscsd.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. Have an enjoyable and book-filled summer.

Sincerely,

Ballston Spa Middle School English Department