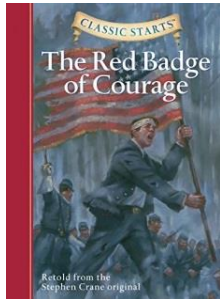


Incoming 8th Graders: You are required to read a minimum of three books (one required and one choice for ELA and one required book for Social Studies) from the list below.

Required Book for Social Studies: *The Red Badge of Courage*



The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
(660 -890 L)

A searing tale of fear and courage, set during the Civil War, but more powerful today than ever. A young man enlists in the Union Army, but nervously wonders how he will react to the blood, violence, and death of a real battle.

Activity for the Required Book, *The Red Badge of Courage*:

<http://www.emcp.com/previews/AccessEditions/ACCESS%20EDITIONS/The%20Red%20Badge%20of%20Courage.pdf>

In the author's point of view, is it wrong for Henry to run from the battle? Is it wrong for him to abandon the tattered soldier? Write an essay that explains Henry's decision and how he rationalized his decision to flee from the battle compared to the others who has done the same. This must be at least two pages typed and double spaced, or written legibly on a clean sheet of paper, with your name, and grade level. **This must be submitted to your Social Studies teacher no later than September 10, 2018.**

Required Book for ELA: *The Outsiders*



The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton (750 L)

Ponyboy can count on his brothers and his friends, but not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids who get away with everything, including beating up greasers like Ponyboy.

Activity for the Required Book, *The Outsiders*: Write a character analysis of one character of your choice from the book. Explain how the character's motives and actions resulted in the outcome of the story. You may identify significant changes in the character's attitude and behavior throughout the story. This must be at least two pages typed and double spaced, or written legibly on a clean sheet of paper, with your name, and grade level. **This must be submitted to your English teacher no later than September 10, 2018.**