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## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Return to: Ms. Hatch— Room 110 or Ms. Colella—Room 225

### English Language Arts

2019 - 2020

**TARGETS:** I can determine a theme or central idea in text. I can read and comprehend appropriately complex literary text independently and proficiently.

Feel free to email me with questions:

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### Happy Reading!

\***A writer's message** is the **theme** of the work. The theme of a story is the underlying idea or message that the writer wants you to remember the most. This can be a lesson or moral of a story. There may be more than one theme for each book you read. Select one or two themes that you feel are the most powerful.

\***Plot Summary:** Provide a two to three sentence description of what the book is about. This should be in your own words, not from the back of the book.

*Example:*

**HOWLs Responsibility Grade:**  
5 books = Meets  
10 books = Exceeds (6 books=3.25, 7 books=3.50, 8 books=3.75, 9-10 books=4)

**Book Title:** Ishmael

**Author:** Daniel Quinn

**Plot Summary:** A man answers an ad in the newspaper that seeks to find a pupil who is interested in saving the world. To this man's surprise, his teacher becomes the most unlikely of characters. What he learns will change your own understanding of how ideas came to be and how, sometimes, they need to change.

**Theme statement:** 1.) In order to live in harmony with the natural world, humans must follow the laws of nature rather than work against them. 2.) People live out the story they have been taught through their culture without even realizing what that story is.

### TRY READING BOOKS FROM DIFFERENT GENRES!!! TRY NEW AUTHORS!!!!

1. Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of Books Read:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOWLs Responsibility Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My favorite book from my list was** \_\_\_\_\_

**I liked this book because...**

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