

## Summer Reading

Reading is the best way to continue to expand your knowledge, grow your vocabulary, and experience an adventure over the summer. Students will need to read two books and complete two learning activities. **These readings and learning activities will be due on the first day of school 2022.**

*Which books did you read?* (One must be ***Number the Stars*** and your second is a choice book).

Book 1: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Book 2: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**Learning Activity One:** After completing the two books: ***Number the Stars*** and your choice read, compare and contrast an element of the book.

Write a letter (using the letter format—*Dear Future ELA Teacher,*) to your teacher. Give a **brief summary** (6-8 sentences) of **each** book at the beginning of the letter, and then, *comparing and contrasting on one* of the following in the **body of the letter**:

- A specific character from each book: describe each character—explain how the characters are similar and different from one another, especially referring to their actions, words, and/or their ultimate outcome at the end of the book.
- A theme from each book: explain the key message from each book—describe how these messages (themes) are similar or different and how they can be applied to your world. Ideas of themes found in literature: Perseverance, Growing Up, Innocence, Optimism, Survival, Justice.
- A key event during the plot from each book, explain an event from each text and share the characters' actions along with the overall impact this event has on the storyline. Compare and contrast this event to another key event in your second book.

**End the letter with** how this book has changed you. How and why are you different after completing the book? Then, don't forget to sign off on your letter!

**Learning Activity Two:** Create a compare-and-contrast poster of the **two books' themes**.

**Think: what is the message of each story? What can the reader learn?**

Each project should be on an 8.5"x 11" (regular printer-sized) sheet of paper. Fold the paper in half, and use images, words, and/or symbols to represent each book on each side of the paper.

You can draw the images, use cut outs from magazines/internet, and/or create an original poem for each book. Whatever you do, be creative!