

# RIVER OAKS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

For students entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**This summer you will be required to read 2 novels. For each novel, the assignment requirements will be different, so read the following directions very carefully. Each book assignment will be due August 18, 2017 and will be graded.**

**The first assignment will be a classic novel published in the 1800's. The second assignment will be a newer novel published in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century or the early 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

**Either book may be used in the Reading Fair if you choose to participate in the fair this fall.**

**This assignment will also be linked to the RO website and there will be extra copies in the front office in case you misplace your directions. Or, you can email or text me.**

**I am looking forward to seeing your presentations this August. Have fun reading!**

**Mrs. Jackie Walters**

## **BOOK 1:**

1. Choose **one** of the following classic books:

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

2. On a 22" by 28" piece of poster board, draw a map of the area used as the setting in the book.
3. Label all the important towns, houses, places, etc, writing a one sentence summary of why each place is important.
4. Include any items important to the plot (ship or quicksand).
5. Around the edge of the poster, draw each character in the story and write a one sentence description of the character.
6. Use a variety of colors to make the map visually appealing.
7. You will present the map to the class at the beginning of the school year.

## BOOK 2:

1. Read **one** recently written book by **one** of the authors listed below.  
This must be a book that **you have not previously read.**
2. Create a powerpoint about the book. The powerpoint **must include:**
  - Title and author
  - author's biography
  - genre
  - setting
  - main characters
  - conflict
  - main events of the story
  - climax
  - resolution
  - theme
  - point of view
  - Your opinion of the book

### Authors

Jennifer Nielson	Sherman Alexie	Veronica Roth
Rick Riordan	Malala Yousafzai	Richard Paul Evans
Jo Knowles	Rick Yancy	Eoin Colfer
Suzanne Collins	Christopher Paolini	James Dashner
Ali Benjamin	Leila Sales	Jerry Spinelli
Lois Lowry	Norton Juster	Gary Paulsen
Markus Zusak	Trenton Lee Stewart	Joan Bauer
John Green	Louis Sachar	

If you choose Joan Bauer, do not read *Hope Was Here* since that will be our first class novel in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

3. The powerpoint will be presented to the class at the beginning of the school year and will be graded.