

All Resource English 8th Grade Students:

The end of the school year is fast approaching, and we realize that your summer reading is the last thing on your mind. However, you are required to read one book this summer before you enter the eighth grade. This summer you will read *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane.

To help you better understand the book and to follow the plot, you will be writing summaries of the chapters as you read, as well as a character list. These will be two separate sections in your folder. The character list should be the first section and will be followed by the chapter summaries.

- Write on white, wide-ruled notebook paper.
- Write on the front of each page; do not write on the back of the paper.
- Use black or blue pen; do not use pencil.
- Put the book title in the center of the folder and your first and last name in the top right corner of the folder.

CHARACTER LIST:

- This section will be first in your folder, and it is separate from the chapter summaries.
- As you read, begin your character list by listing three characters per page with space in between each name, allowing you to add information about each character as you read throughout the entire book.
- The more important a character is, the more information you should have written by that character's name.
- You do not have to write in complete sentences with these character descriptions.

CHAPTER SUMMARIES:

- Write one chapter summary per page. It is okay to go over a page. Just make sure each chapter is separate from the next. Minimum length is half a page. The longer the chapter, the longer the summary must be.
 - Place the number of the chapter on the top line of the notebook paper.
 - Place the character information sheets first, followed by your chapter summaries in a folder with brads. Place the notebook paper inside the brads.
- This assignment will be turned in on Tuesday, AUGUST 14th, being worth a test grade. You will also take a test over the novel on the second full day of school.

MAKE SURE YOU FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN ABOVE. THIS WILL BE A LARGE PART OF THE GRADE.

Please do not get the SparkNotes or any other literature supplement and use these to write your summaries and character lists. This is considered plagiarism and will result in a zero. This assignment is to help the students comprehend what they are reading and copying these other resources will hinder that process.

We hope you have a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to an awesome year in 8th grade English.