

You must read **at least one book** over the summer and complete the **assigned question (see Step 2)**. We also encourage you to **read as many additional books and articles as possible** and to log your progress in a **Reading Log (Step 3!)**.

- improves brain connectivity
- increases your vocabulary and comprehension
- empowers you to empathize with other people
- aids in sleep readiness
- reduces stress
- lowers blood pressure and heart rate
- fights depression symptoms
- prevents cognitive decline as you age
- contributes to a longer life.

**Do NOT choose a book from the list below as we will be reading these books in the coming school year:**

**8th grade:** *The Outsiders*, *Night*, *Animal Farm*, *Out of the Dust*, *The Contender*, *Nothing But the Truth*, *The Wednesday Wars*, *The Giver*, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Fahrenheit 451*.

### Book resources:

- <https://www.nutmegaward.org/>
- <https://stamford.overdrive.com/library/teens>
- <http://booklists.yalsa.net/>
- Sora eBooks and Audiobooks <https://soraapp.com/library/stamfordct>
- Ferguson Library is providing access to many digital texts:
  - <https://www.fergusonlibrary.org/services/kids>
  - Students can apply for a library card: <https://ferguson.iii.com/selfreg.html>
  - If students don't have a library card, they can use their school ID to access many digital materials. **For access, enter 2111800+student ID number (no spaces).**
  - If you encounter any issues accessing our e-materials or databases, please contact The Ferguson Library.



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**Step 2:** Complete the following question. You will be scored using the following rubric:

	<b>EXCEEDS 25 = A</b>	<b>MEETS 22 = B</b>	<b>EMERGING 19 = C</b>	<b>DOES NOT MEET (BUT YOU TRIED!) 16 = D</b>	<b>0-0 F</b>
<b>RA</b>	<b>Fully addresses</b> the prompt/question, and thoroughly supports all ideas with relevant information from the text by <b>recycling and answering the question using specific details &amp; character names.</b>	<b>Addresses</b> the prompt/question, and supports all ideas with relevant information from the text by <b>recycling and answering the question using specific details &amp; character names</b> .	Tries to recycle the question, but might have <b>forgotten to use specific details such as names, setting or other details</b>	<b>Does not attempt</b> to recycle the question, and/or <b>forgets to use names, setting or other details</b>	Not written or does not address the question
<b>C</b>	Gives <b>additional evidence</b> that supports your answer & includes it with a <b>"citation"</b> (pg#)	Gives <b>ample</b> evidence that supports your answer & includes it with a <b>"citation"</b> (pg#)	May include a "citation" (pg#), but <b>quotation marks and or page # are missing</b> so it is unclear OR Citation is not relevant to the question	<b>Does not include ANY "citations"</b> ( pg#)	
<b>E</b>	Includes <b>additional elaboration</b> (examples and/or explanation) in your own words	Includes the most relevant <b>elaboration (examples and/or explanation) in your own words.</b>	<b>Includes limited or irrelevant elaboration</b> (examples and/or explanation) in your own words.	<b>Does not include ANY elaboration</b> (examples and/or explanation) in your own words.	

**QUESTION:**

- Choose a character from the book you are reading and **describe how they change from the beginning to the end of the story.**
- What is **the message** that the character's journey helps to reveal?

**HINTS:**

- Use direct quotes from the text to support your claim/thesis.
- Explain in your own words how these quotes support your claim/thesis.
- Completing this digitally? Erase the lines and type your answer below
- Paper copy? Use additional paper if you need more room to complete your answer (because you should!)

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### Step 3: Complete your digital or paper Reading Log for any additional books or articles you read!

Interested in non-fiction? Time for Kids is free through July! Go to <https://time.com/tfk-free/>

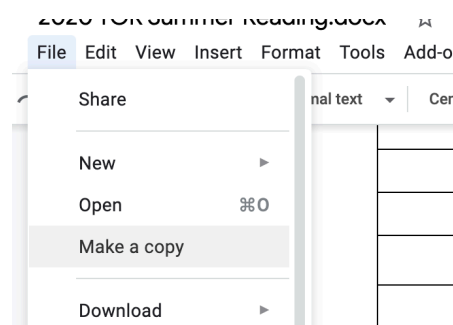
Title:	Author:	Why would you recommend this book to others?
Sample: To Kill A Mockingbird	Harper Lee	The character Scout is a kid and is really relatable and her dad is very wise. The book has a good message about standing up against racism, even when others are against you, like when Atticus defends Tom Robinson, even though the racist people in the town assumed he was guilty.

#### How Do I Hand It In?

- Sign in to your SPS student account (student#@stamfordpublicschools.org) and search for **2024 TOR Summer Reading**
- Choose "File" and then "Make A Copy"
- **Re-title** this document with your **First & Last Name**, followed by TOR Summer Reading and **save** into "My Drive".

Ex: **Jennifer Lopez** 2024 TOR Summer Reading

You can also choose to "Download" it & print it out.



The assignment should be completed in **your SPS Google Drive** so you can **readily share it with your ELA teacher at the beginning of the school year.**

**If that is not possible, keep a hard-copy (either by downloading/printing this document or completing it all on notebook paper)** and be prepared to submit it to your ELA teacher at the beginning of the school year.