

Here at Christ the King Cathedral School, we know that students need some time to rest and relax during the summer; however, we also know that students who do not read during this time may fall victim to learning loss known as “summer slide.” Therefore, we require summer reading of all students, as well as accompanying assignments.

8th Grade Required Summer Reading

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton ISBN: 0-14-240733-X

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai ISBN: 978-0-316-32791-6

We will begin the school year by reading the novel The Book Thief ISBN: 978-0-375-84220-7. Please purchase the book by September 4.

PROJECTS

The Outsiders

I. Choose **one** of the following projects:

- A. Create a soundtrack that would be a good backdrop for a movie version of the book. Keep in mind that most movies include some music without lyrics for background noise and to set the mood during important moments. A minimum of seven songs are required. The genre of music chosen should fit the setting and event. Include a play list, as well as written justification for each song choice. You will turn in a CD or digital file.
- B. Create a trivia board game that challenges the players’ understanding of the novel. Your board game must include at least twenty trivia questions, board, game pieces, and a *clear description* of the rules of the game.
- C. The Outsiders Dictionary- Compile a list of 20 words / terms specific to the time period that his novel was written (1960’s). Define each term and provide an interesting and colorful illustration for at least ten of the terms listed.

I Am Malala

II. Choose **one** of the following activities:

- A. Brochure - Research the education of girls in other countries around the world. Organize the findings into an informational brochure on the topic. Choose at least four countries from different parts of the world.
- B. Poem – Write an original poem based on I Am Malala. The poem should contain at least 20 lines and should include figurative language and imagery.
- B. Timeline and Map – Create a timeline and an accompanying map with key that explain significant political events that impacted Pakistan, beginning with the creation of Pakistan as a separate country from India.

**Summer reading assignments are due on Monday, August 20.
Be prepared for book quizzes will occur during this time as well!**