

Summer Reading Assignment 2018: Showbie Reading and Writing – 8th grade
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Goal: Through the Summer Reading Assignment, students at Eden will be actively involved in reading, thinking, and writing.

Requirements: The students will be reading **one book** this summer to be chosen from the following list:

Nothing to Fear by Jackie French Koller
And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

For each book, students must read the novel and respond to the five discussion questions posted on Showbie. Responses should be at least 200 words and are worth 20 points each. All posts are due by midnight on Friday, **August 3, 2018.**

Grading rubric for all posts:

Critical Thinking (5 points)	Responses demonstrate thoughtful, careful engagement with the prompt or post, discussing important ideas, characters, etc., and fully answering all parts of the question(s).
Examples (10 points)	Responses use specific examples from the book. <u>INCLUDE PAGE NUMBERS!!</u>
Writing Standards (5 points)	The writing is clear, concise, and easy to understand. Rules of grammar and mechanics are followed. Minimum length requirement is met. <u>Submissions in MLA Formatting.</u>
Timelines	Posts are submitted before midnight the due date. (-10% for each day late)

Total points:

Book 1: 100 points

Returning Students:

1. Use your Showbie account and add the class entitled "Summer Reading 8" using the Code **2V8MD**

New Students: All students must go to the website in order to create an account.

1. Go to www.showbie.com
2. Click "Sign up for Free"
3. Click "I'm a Student"
4. Click "Sign up with Google" and use your Eden email address to create an account
5. Once on the home screen, use the + button to add a new class and enter the code **2V8MD**
6. Showbie is also available as an app on the iPad
7. To submit a Google Doc, click the + sign in an assignment folder and click add from "FILE." Follow the prompt to select the correct doc. Note: You must be logged into Google Drive or have the app on your iPad in order to utilize.

Posting: On the homepage of the class, you will see assignments listed for each book. Within each assignment, you will see a list of five questions.

- Please answer the questions for each assignment on a **GOOGLE DOC** and submit to the assignment folder when completed. Do **NOT** comment in the assignment folder.
- Your Google Docs should follow basic MLA formatting (see example below)
 - Left side heading
 - Right side header
 - Title - Name of Assignment
 - Double Spaced, Size 12, Times New Roman font
- Please **INCLUDE THE QUESTIONS** in your responses
- NOTE: Technology issues are not a reason for late submission. Submit with plenty of time to spare in order to avoid problems.

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Assignment #1: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

1. Discuss Jem and Scout's behavior as siblings: how do they treat each other and relate to each other?

Use at least one specific example from the book to show your point (give a page number). Also, connect their relationship to your own family relationships: how is it similar and/or different?

Jem and Scout relate like most brothers and sisters. Because Jem is the oldest, he wants to be in charge and often tries to act more mature than he really is. For instance, on the first day of school, Jem instructs Scout not to bother him with any requests to play (16). He also boasts about not being afraid of the Radley Place and tell Scout to stop "acting like a girl" (32). Scout sees through this, though, and often laughs at him for his arrogance. Despite their conflicts, the two are very close and do everything together. Scout believes Jem almost implicitly, accepting his description of Boo Radley even though he has never seen him. I can see myself in Jem; as the oldest, I want to be the leader of my siblings, and I want them to look up to me. It's easy to boast and tell stories when I'm trying to do this. However, because I'm a girl and I have girl siblings, I think we can relate more than Scout and Jem did; we easily share secrets and jokes.