



Welcome to eighth grade! We look forward to meeting you in the fall.

Incoming 8th graders will read three books this summer and complete a three-part assignment. The first book is the play *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose. It is the compelling story of jury room deliberations deciding the fate of a young man who has been accused of murdering his father. For the second book you will choose a work of fiction from the attached list. For your third book, you will choose a work of nonfiction from the attached list. Please choose books that you have not read before.

Please make a copy of this document and title it “Summer Reading” and your name. Then share it with Jenn (email below). Fill in the chart and answer the questions in your copy of the doc.

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the reading!

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There are **three parts** to this assignment.

Summer Reading Assignment Part 1: *Twelve Angry Men*

DUE: Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2025

Directions:

1. Read *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose. Mark and label examples of **bias**. When do characters allow their personal backgrounds and prejudices to influence their opinions and choices?
2. As you read, type your responses into the chart below to help you keep track of the different jurors.
3. As you read, type your answers to the questions that are after the chart.

*Note: in a criminal case, a jury’s decision must be **unanimous**, meaning that all twelve of the jurors must agree that the defendant is either guilty or not guilty.

Twelve Angry Men Character Chart

Track each juror individually. Choose key information that helps you distinguish one juror from another.

You may use bullet points. You may also reformat the chart to make it cleaner.

***Juror 5 has been done for you. Read it first to see the amount of information and level of detail you are asked to provide.**

Juror #10		Act I: Act II:
Juror #11		Act I: Act II:
Juror #12		Act I: Act II:

Questions: Write 1-3 full sentences for each question. Type your work.

1) What are the judge's instructions to the jury? Paraphrase them in your own words.

2) What is Juror #8's reason for his vote on page 12?

3) How do the other jurors react to #8's vote? Why?

4) What is the jury's final vote? Did this surprise you? Why or why not?

Part II: [Summer Reading 8th Grade Fiction Choices](#) (choose a book that you have not read)

Part III: [Summer Reading 8th Grade NONfiction Choices](#) (choose a book that you have not read)