Decatur City Schools
Summer 2026 Reading Assignments

Below are the summer reading assignments for grades 6 & 7. Each student will read the text for his/her grade level and create a one-pager that includes visual symbols and important words to clearly and concisely share their most important takeaways with someone else. The one-pager should include:

- A border of key quotations from the text
- The top half should focus on symbolism and themes from the text, including both words and images.
- The bottom half should focus on key characters from the text and how they develop, change, and interact. It should also include both words and images.

Below are the summer reading assignments for grades 8 & 9. Each student will read the text pairing for his/her grade level and will create a one-pager showing the relationship between the texts (usable templates are attached with each packet).
The one-pager should include:

- A border that represents the theme.
- A picture that represents a scene from each of the texts.
- A quote from each text that supports the theme.
- Two sentences of commentary explaining how each quote connects to the theme.

Below are the summer reading assignments for grades 10-12. Each student will select a single text to read for his/her grade level and create a one-pager about the text (usable templates are attached with each packet). The one-pager should include:

- A border that represents the main idea.
- A picture that represents a scene from the text.
- Two quotes from the text that support the main idea.
- Two sentences of commentary explaining how each quote connects to the main idea.

Examples of different one-pagers are included here.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: One-pagers will be due to teachers on the Friday of the first week of school. Please be advised: Advanced classes could have an additional writing assignment.

Links to Readings and Assignments

6th grade	*First-Day Fly (Directions, examples, and templates follow the story.)
7th grade	Seventh Grade (Directions, examples, and templates follow the story.)
8th grade	How does memory change as you grow up? (Rubric and templates follow the story.)
9th grade	How Does Money Impact Happiness?
10th grade	English 10 Summer Assignment
11th grade	English 11 Summer Assignment
12th grade	English 12 Summer Assignment
AP 11 (AHS)	AP Lang Summer Reading Assignment
AP 11 (DHS)	AP Lang Summer Reading Assignment
AP 12 (AHS)	AP Lit Summer Reading Assignment
AP 12 (DHS)	AP Lit Summer Reading Assignment