

8th Grade 2018 – 2019 Summer ELA Work

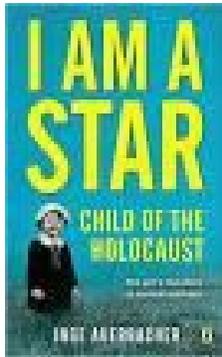
You have one spelling assignment and two reading / English assignments . During the course of this summer, I ask that you read at least two non – fiction books (and as many fiction books as you want!).

Spelling For preparation for the 8th grade, please complete Lesson 33 Words from Literature. The lesson is attached to this paper. You are not required to complete the “Writing a Science Fiction Story” at this time. There will be quiz on these words the first week of school.

Required Reading The required reading / English assignment I is due on Thursday, August 30, the second day of school. The required reading / English assignment II is due on Tuesday, September 4.

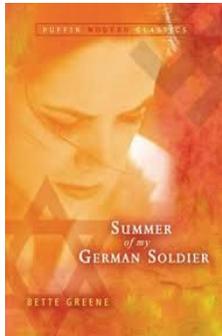
★ Required Reading I:

I am a Star Child of the Holocaust by Inge Auerbacher



Holocaust survivor Inge Auerbacher tells her poignant story of life in the Terezin concentration camp in Czechoslovakia, where she was sent with her family at age 7 and was one of only 100 children out of 15,000 to survive. Through prose and poetry, she tells the agonizing and remarkable story of her family and survival

OR



The Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene

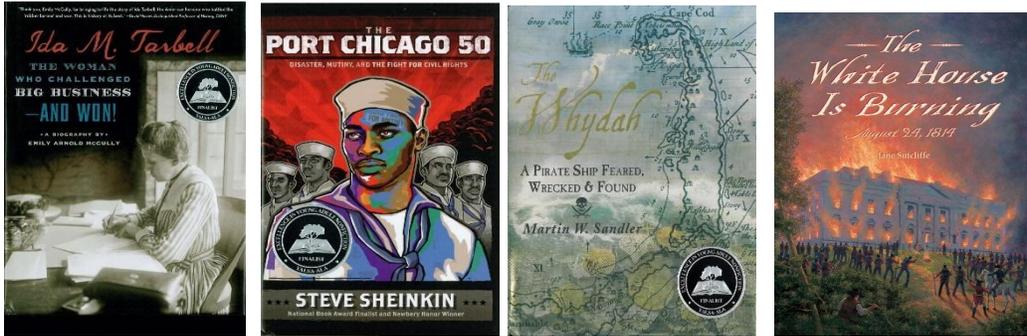
The story is told in first person narrative by a twelve-year-old Jewish girl living in Arkansas during World War II. The story focuses on the friendship between Patty and an escaped German POW named Anton.

The joy in life cannot be kept out of even the darkest places.

Write a two to three page essay, using the book (and additional sources if desired) for support. Remember to use text citations.

I fully anticipate that you will demonstrate skills in drafting, proofreading, and revising of your written work, and that your content will be meaningful and specific.

★ Required Reading II - Choice of one of the following books.



Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business—and Won! By Emily Arnold McCully
Born before the Civil War and living in what was truly a man's world, Ida Tarbell was one of the first practitioners of what we now call investigative journalism. Although she is not well known today, she made a name for herself in her own time by taking on the exploitative practices of John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company.

Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin
As World War II escalated overseas, African American sailors at Port Chicago were under pressure to load bombs faster and faster onto waiting ships, until finally a horrific explosion killed hundreds. In the days that followed, 50 men refused to work under such unsafe conditions and were charged with mutiny.

The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked, and Found by Martin W. Sandler
The exciting true story of the captancy, wreck, and discovery of the Whydah – the only pirate ship ever found – and the incredible mysteries it revealed.

The White House is Burning by Jane Sutcliffe
A detailed examination of the War of 1812, as seen through the lens of one monumental day, August 24, 1814, the day that British troops burned the White House.

Complete one assignment.

A. Create a *time capsule* for your novel. The *time capsule* (shoe box or similar) must have at least 12 objects in it that represent something about the book. Each item must have a short-written explanation (2-3 sentences) of how it relates to the book and/or why it was included. You should tell as much about the book through your *time capsule* as possible.

B. Create a visual *timeline* of the events in the story. Use poster paper or a computer application / program and draw / create the *timeline*. Add the events using short blurbs and pictures. You must have at least 12 events from the story on the *timeline*.

Please be assured I will keep you in my prayers and I wish you and your loved ones an enjoyable summer.

Mrs. Teresa Fitzgerald