

SANKOFA FREEDOM ACADEMY FRESHMAN SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

The following is the required summer reading for the students. There are three mandatory books for each grade level. You are to select one additional books for a total of four books.

Journal Writing. Composition notebook strictly for your summer reading. Journal writing allows you to record YOUR thoughts and YOUR ideas about the selection as you are reading. Keep your journal handy as you are reading. Use your Post-Its notes to earmark important plot points, settings, favorite parts of the story, and vocabulary words. Literature journals should be set up in the standard format you are familiar with. You are to complete the journal assignment for each novel or short story read.

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| Title: | Author's Purpose: |
| Author: | Personal Connections: |
| Genre: | Community Connections: |
| Characters: | Connections to Africana people: |
| Setting: | Reflections: |
| Conflicts: | Vocabulary: |
| Theme: | |
| Plot: | |
| Conclusion: | |

Vocabulary. Choose 10 significant vocabulary words from EACH summer reading text. Choose ten words from *each* of your summer reading texts that are crucial to the meaning of the book. List the words in your journal with definitions and a one sentence explanation of the significance of this word to the meaning of the book.

****47* by Walter Mosley

****The PACT* by Dr. Davis, Jenkins nd Hunt

****The House on Mango Street* Sandra Cisneros

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Hush by Jacqueline Woodson

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler

The Piano Lesson by August Wilson

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper

Bang, by Sharon G. Flake

Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticant

The Haunting of Hip Hop by Bertice Berry

Warriors Don't Cry - Melba Patillo Beale

Ninth Grade: Freshman are to come prepared for an exam on their mandatory books. They also will be expected to turn in a journal on their six books.

REMEMBER: 3 Mandatory + 1 Optional = 4 Required Readings