

8th Grade Summer Reading List

Please read the following novels. Once you have completed each novel, fill out “The Big 5” graphic organizer for each novel. Bring this during the first week of school for a free quiz grade.

- *Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer
- *The House of Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- *Touch The Sky* by Barrington Irving

As you read the novel, think about the literary elements listed in the Big 5 graphic Organizer.

Once you have completed each novel, complete the First Read and Close Read graphic organizer (attached) for each novel. Bring your completed work during the first week of school for a free quiz grade and extra credit on your lowest test grade during the first quarter.

THE BIG 5

Analytical Tools “The Big 5”	Questions	Answers
Audience and purpose	Author? Audience? Why written?	
Content and theme	About? Meaning?	
Tone and mood	Tone? Effect? Attitudinal causes? Effects	

Stylistic devices	Language devices? Language deliveries?	
Structure	Genre?	