

# 8th Grade Advanced ELA Summer Read Challenge

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Hello, everyone!

I hope your summer is going well and that it includes a lot of reading. Because if you are taking advantage of the summer to delve into some great books, I encourage you to participate in the 8th Grade Advanced ELA Summer Read Challenge. Here's how it works.

Every time you finish a book, go to the form at <http://tinyurl.com/mcg-summer-read-challenge-17> and complete it. You can include *The Tragedy Paper* as well as your other required summer read book in your challenge list. Graphic novels and audiobooks count, too. And at any time you can also see what everyone else is reading at <http://tinyurl.com/mcg-summer-challenge>. For my responses, I marked the title with an asterisk and the recommendation NA if it's not really a YA book.

If you read at least as many books as me -- I'm shooting for 20 but I'm not moving that quickly, so keep an eye on the list -- you will be invited to a free lunch pizza party the second week of school.

And while we're talking about books, don't forget to read *The Tragedy Paper* and one of these other books BEFORE school starts: *Being Jazz*, *Steelheart*, *Winner's Curse*, *I Will Always Write Back*, *Steve Jobs: Insanely Great*, and *Shark Girl*. As you read *The Tragedy Paper*, take note of the definition of a literary tragedy and then mark places in the actual story that fit those requirements. We will work with this starting the first day of school.

Finally, if you ordered books that were backordered (several copies of *The Tragedy Paper* were) and haven't yet picked them up in the office, be sure to do so soon. And say hi to Mrs. Beltran, the new Gurrie office administrative assistant.

If you have any questions during the summer, just email me at [jmcgovern@d105.net](mailto:jmcgovern@d105.net). See you soon!

And happy reading!

Mrs. McGovern