

Welcome to the 8th grade!

This summer, we wanted to give you an assignment that would get you thinking about some of the skills that you will need at the beginning of your 8th grade year, but we also wanted you to have some choice in what you read. There are 5 short stories to choose from, and you will choose 2. For those two stories you will read the story and use the literary elements notes provided to fill out the literary elements worksheet.

You will turn in the two worksheets when school starts, and we will be using the skills you have practiced in our first unit.

Here are the choices for 8th grade:

1. *Harrison Bergeron* by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.
2. *The Cask of Amontillado* by Edgar Allan Poe
3. *The Sniper* by Liam O'Flaherty
4. *The Monkey's Paw* by W.W. Jacobs
5. *The Most Dangerous Game* by Richard Connell

You will find all 5 stories on the ACA website under Summer Reading. Here is the address: <http://acajohnstonela.weebly.com/summer-reading.html>

That is also where you will find the notes and worksheet you need to complete the two reading assignments that you choose. Make sure that you finish the reading assignments before the first day of school, and bring the work to class with you when school begins in August. Have fun choosing your stories, and have a great summer break!

Sincerely,

The ELA Teachers