



Academy of Greatness & Excellence

Where Prosperous Futures Begin

8th Grade ELA Summer Assignment 2024-2025

1. Choose **TWO** novels to read from the list below:

- *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan
- *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner

2. Complete **ONE** of the following assignments for one of the novels you read:

- ❖ **Create a book jacket:** *Pretend you have been hired to design a new book jacket for your novel. Using a standard piece of computer paper or construction paper, create a book jacket that includes the following elements:*
 - Front Cover:
 - Creative image that relates to the story and would appeal to the target audience
 - Title and author of the novel
 - Back Cover: Your two favorite quotes from the novel
 - A one paragraph summary of the book's main idea (in your own words)
 - One paragraph giving your opinion about why the novel is worth reading

*The book jacket could be hand-made or printed from a computer. **Be creative!***

OR

- ❖ **Interview a character:** *Sometimes a character in a book feels so real that you can almost imagine talking to them. After reading your novel, write a list of 5 questions that you would ask your favorite character. Then, write a one paragraph response for each question (remember to use language that the character would use).*

PLAGIARISM OR THE USE OF AI GENERATED TEXT WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC ZERO.

**Upon returning to school in September, there will be additional assignments related to the novels you read over the summer. However, your primary goal should be to read for enjoyment! Reading is both a window to others' experiences and a mirror to your own experiences in the world. I hope you enjoy immersing yourself in the pages of a good book!*