



SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS: RISING 8TH GRADE

1. The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

- a. You are responsible for reading this novel. You may purchase a copy, download an e-book, or rent a copy from the library.
- b. You will be quizzed on this book when you return to school.
- c. As you read the book, keep in mind the following topics:
 - i. The setting of the story
 - ii. The people Eddie meets in Heaven: who they are, how they are connected, and what do they teach him?
 - iii. The theme of the story: what is the author trying to show us about life?

2. Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

- a. You are responsible for reading this novel. You may purchase a copy, download an e-book, or rent a copy from the library.
- b. You will turn in a reading project for this book. It is due on the first day of school. You will hand in your project to your Literature teacher.
- c. Please read the attached rubric.



ILLUSTRATED TIMELINE: CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER BY JAMES L. SWANSON

Directions: You will create an illustrated timeline of events that led authorities to the discovery of John Wilkes Booth after President Lincoln's assassination. Your poster should be informative and colorful. This is due on the first day of school.

What to include:

- **TEMPLATE:** Your illustrated timeline should be completed on a piece of poster board. You need to write in pen or marker so it is readable. You may also type your information and glue it to your poster board.
- **EVENTS:** You need to include 15 major events from the story, in chronological order, beginning with the assassination of President Lincoln. The description of each event should be at least 2 sentences long & grammatically correct. Use specific details and names of historical figures from the book.
- **ILLUSTRATIONS:** Your timeline must include at least 10 corresponding illustrations that enhance the written information. You may hand draw or print these images. They must be detailed and colorful.

10 illustrations: colorful, neat, and relevant	10
Uses correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation throughout	5
Includes title, author, and student name on the poster board	5
15 chronological events on timeline (2 points each)	30
TOTAL POINTS	50