

Ms. Jax/9 ELA

SSR Handout

9/2/16

Sustained, Salient Reading (SSR)

In our class, Fridays will be designated for SSR. You will have the opportunity to select a grade-appropriate or advanced-level book or novel that interests you. The topic can be anything: from sports, to history, fiction or non-fiction, as long as the text is a book or novel that is rich and rigorous.

How to select your book

You're encouraged to take a trip down to the school library to search their inventory for an interesting text to read. As a CMS student, you also have full-access to Charlotte public libraries with your student ID, so if you have a chance, you should also go down to the library nearest you to find a book to take out. The following link is also a list of popular books that would be acceptable along with short descriptions. **I would not suggest purchasing a text to read for SSR.** If there is a novel you're extremely interested in reading that you could not locate in a library for free, talk to me about it. I will help you find the book or we will discuss alternatives.

<http://www.npr.org/2012/08/07/157795366/your-favorites-100-best-ever-teen-novels>

What do I do when I've found one?

When you've made a selection, complete the form on the following page. Turn that form into me to check. When I've approved your book, your parent/guardian will also need to sign the form to approve your book choice. When that is completed, turn in the final form by **Monday September 12th** latest. Feel free to turn it in earlier as you make your book decisions.

How am I being graded?

The intention of SSR is to start developing the reading stamina that will be required in college, as well as to invigorate you to develop a love and appreciation for reading. You may not always love the texts we read in class, but hopefully you can love a book you choose for yourself. So you will not be graded on the pace of which you read, you will not be compared to your classmates, and you're free to dislike your book! (As readers, we have the freedom to end up disliking a book we chose ourselves!) Instead, you will be granted participation points for engaging in your book during SSR time and for completing weekly response questions as they pertain to your novel. You will also have conferences with me to discuss your book and its progression.

Name _____

What is the name of your book and who is the author?

Why did you choose this book?

Do you think you will find this book difficult to read? Why or why not?

Ms. Jax sign-off: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian sign-off: _____ Date: _____