

Summer Work

All summer assignments should be done prior to the school year. Work will be handed in on the first day of class. You can email your teacher if you have a question about your assignment.

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Hello 8th grade ELA students,

Welcome to 8th grade English and Language Arts! Your summer work includes both reading and writing:

First, read the novel *A Day of Pleasure: Stories of a Boy Growing up in Warsaw*, by Isaac Singer. Be ready to discuss and/or complete written activities when school begins.

Second, complete the assignments detailed below regarding G.K.Chesterton:

The first short story your Lightning Literature curriculum addresses is “A Crazy Tale” by G.K Chesterton. If the only thing you ever know about Chesterton is that he wrote this short story, you would be shortchanged in your understanding of him and his contribution to literature and 20th century thought. So, for your summer work, you need to do the following:

- Visit <https://www.chesterton.org/who-is-this-guy/> and read, “Who is this Guy and Why Haven’t I Heard of Him?” by Dale Ahlquist.
- Explore the Chesterton quotes on <https://www.chesterton.org/quotations/essential-chesterton/>
- Pick one of Chesterton’s quotes that speaks to you. Explain how you connect with it in a typed, double-spaced one page essay.
 - Make sure your essay:
 - Has a heading (name, date, class, title)
 - Is in Times New Roman font, size 12
 - Includes your chosen quote
 - Is written in well organized paragraphs

- If you are using an anecdote from your life to explain your connection with the quote, feel free to use dialogue
 - Is carefully proofread
- Finally, read G.K. Chesterton's short story "A Crazy Tale" in *Stories and Poems for Extremely Intelligent Children*. Read it more than once if it is confusing to you the first time (it probably will be!). The questions on page 7 in your Lightning Lit and Comp Student Guide are helpful to guide your understanding. Come to class ready to discuss.

See you in August,

Mrs. Morris