



8th Grade English Language Arts  
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Summer Reading List  
2024

**The Pearl.** At one time, illustrations were a crucial part of a book's popularity and skilled illustrators were paid very well. But the illustrators were given direction by the publisher and lead editors. You are pretending to be a publisher.

After reading the novella, choose FOUR scenes from the book that you would illustrate in order to depict crucial plot points. Include the following:

1. Physical background. Indoor or outdoor. Describe the setting, the landscape, the lighting. Every detail should be given. Is it black & white, or color? Why?
2. Characters. Give the names, ages, appearances. Describe their expressions.
3. Mood. What should the reader feel when seeing the drawing?

**Farewell to Manzanar.** After finishing chapter 11, read the following poem, "I Ask My Mother to Sing" by Li Young-Lee.

1. Why do the speaker's grandmothers cry as they sing about China?
2. How does this compare to the sadness that Jeanne's papa experiences while singing the national anthem?
3. Have you ever become emotional listening to songs about our country? Explain your answer. If not, are there any songs at all which make you emotional?

**Readers' Choice:** Give the genre, the main character names, and a brief explanation of why you would recommend the book you chose.

**The Road Not Taken**, by Robert Frost - just read it.