

In pursuit of academic excellence, every student entering St. John's 8<sup>th</sup> grade should do the following assignments

**Please be advised the summer assignments are mandatory. Due on Friday 8/19/2022.**

### Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### **Book and assignments:**

**Of Mice and Men – Steinbeck ( Download available – [giove.isti.cnr.it/demo/eread/Libri/sad/of Mice and Men pdf](http://giove.isti.cnr.it/demo/eread/Libri/sad/of%20Mice%20and%20Men.pdf))**

#### **Assignment :**

At Home assignment - Complete a One-Pager and submit for grade on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Use the attached book report form to take notes. On August 19<sup>th</sup> you will be writing essays in class on both the summer reading books. You will be allowed to use your notes.

Title:

Your Name:

Author:

Date:

Class:

**Protagonist:**

This is the person or thing that drives the story. Often referred to as the good guy – this is not always true. You should mention their name, age, personal characteristics (smart, funny, evil ... etc.) and what their role is in the novel or story.

**Antagonist:**

This is the person or thing that works against the protagonist. Often referred to as the bad guy – this is not always the case. You should mention their name, age, personal characteristics (smart, clever, sneaky ... etc.) and what their role is in the novel or story.

**Conflict:**

This can be person vs. person, person vs. nature, person vs. life circumstances... etc. You must describe the conflict.

**Setting:**

Describe when and where the story takes place. Also, describe the mood or tone of the setting. Is it eerie, pleasant... etc.

**Plot:**

The plot must have three or four major incidents from the story that allows me, the reader, the opportunity to get a good idea of beginning, middle, and end.

**Climax:**

The highest point of interest – revelations are made.

**Denouement:**

Always comes after the climax and ties all loose-ends.

**Theme:**

This is a life lesson we learn from the story or novel.