

# ***Eighth Grade Summer Reading 2016***

## **REQUIRED READING**

*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

*The Pigman* by Paul Zindel

## **REQUIRED READING (Social Studies)**

*The Incredible '60s: The Stormy Years That Changed America*

*by Jules Archer*

## **SUMMER SCRAPBOOK/JOURNAL**

*Using the summer scrapbook you began in sixth grade, add five new entries. If you do not have last year's scrapbook, choose a new 3-ring binder and decorate the cover to reflect your likes and interests.*

1. Write a lengthy letter to your eighth grade LA Lit teacher introducing yourself. Tell about your likes and dislikes. Explain any successes and challenges you have faced in LA Lit. What are your expectations for eighth grade?
2. Write about a character encountered in your summer reading. Choose a person you admire or resemble, and comment on attitudes or traits you recognize as important.
3. Choose one setting or scene from a summer read; describe that setting in a vivid way, or paint or sketch the scene with an explanatory caption.
4. Keep track of two or three important events or issues during the summer. Include newspaper or magazine articles that cover developments in these events. Summarize the articles in a well-written paragraph or two.
5. Interview an older person (at least middle-aged), focusing on his/her recollections of the transition to high school. Be sure to include meaningful and/or entertaining anecdotes.

