

Summer reading: 8th grade English Language Arts, 2019-20

Dear 7th grade Carden students and parents:

Here is the summer reading assignment for the literature section of the 8th grade ELA class.

1-- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (Dee Brown).

Read: chapter 1 (pp. 1-12); chapter 7 (pp. 147-174);
chapter 12 (pp. 273-313); chapter 14 (pp. 331-349).

2-- *Little Big Man* (Thomas Berger).

Read: Foreword (pp. xv-xxviii) and chapters 1-3 (pp. 1-43).

Enjoy your summer, but be sure to do this reading, preferably in August so you'll remember it. There will be a test on this material when you get back to school.

Good luck and see you in the fall. – Mr. Gronseth

P.S.: Treat these books like textbooks and do not deface them. If you like, you can use Post-Its to indicate lines or passages, or you can purchase your own copy of the book(s) should you wish to highlight with a marker, underline, or write marginalia.

Audio versions of these two books are allowed (and encouraged) as well. However, for maximum reading comprehension, I would suggest that you read along silently as you listen to the text.

Should you purchase any of the five core books we'll be reading, please get the indicated editions, e.g., the Oxford World Classics edition of *My Antonia* and so forth.

1-- *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, by Dee Brown, Picador

2-- *Little Big Man* by Thomas Berger, Dial Press.

3-- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, Oxford World Classics.

4-- *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry, Vintage.

5-- *Death of a Salesman*, by Arthur Miller, Penguin Classics.