

Summer Reading 2009 for students entering the 8th grade

Atlantis Charter School

Please read the following instructions **CAREFULLY!!**

ALL students are responsible for reading *Anthem* by Ayn Rand. While reading the novella (another word for a short novel), you should take notes on how the society in this book compares with the society in *The Giver*. Look at the similarities as well as the differences. When you are finished reading the book, write a 1-2 paragraph essay comparing and contrasting *Anthem* to *The Giver*. This assignment will be collected the first week of school.

After you finish your work for *Anthem*, choose one of the following books to read. You may only choose from this list. If you have already read one of the books on this list, you may **NOT** select that book.

- *Witness* by Karen Hesse
- *Ashes of Roses* by Mary Jane Auch
- *Z For Zachariah* by Robert C. O'Brien
- *Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry
- *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane*
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury*

Take notes as you read the book. During the first week of school, you will be tested on what you have read. The test may contain multiple choice questions, short answer questions, and/or open response questions. You may use any and all notes you have written down when you take this test. You may also use the book itself when you take the test—so if you have purchased the book, feel free to make notes in the book itself.

*These choices are for those who want a bit more of a challenge. Themes and topics may be a bit more difficult to understand in these books—but give them a shot!

All of these books can be found at any public library or bookstore. The titles can also be found relatively cheap through Amazon.com.