**Literature and Composition 7 and 8**

**Extra Credit Opportunity**

Several extra credit opportunities are built into the class curriculum over the course of each trimester. Students may earn extra credit on reading quizzes for correct answers to bonus questions. Students are also offered extra credit on writing projects for different novel units.

This year an additional opportunity for extra credit will be offered. As an English teacher, I care deeply about literature and it my desire to see students become lifelong readers. So to encourage recreational reading beyond required school texts, students will be give one extra credit percentage point on their final grade for each extracurricular book read over the course of the trimester—up to five percentage points. This means that a student who ends the trimester with an 85%, but has read five additional novels can raise his/her grade to a 90%.

**Requirements to Earn Credit for Extracurricular Reading**

* While graphic novels, comic books, manga, and other heavily illustrated texts are wonderful mediums for storytelling, only one such book may be included for extra credit each trimester.
* To be counted for extra credit, books must be complete, full-length novels—i.e. picture books and early reader chapter books will not be counted for extra credit. However, book-length nonfiction, biography, memoir, essay collections, and short stories collections will be accepted.
* As you finish reading each book, bring in a parent note with signature (see sample below) certifying that you have read the work.
* No more than one extra credit percentage point will be given per week, and no extra credit for this assignment will be awarded during finals week.

Happy Reading! If you choose to participate and need a book recommendation, please feel free to ask me—or checkout the classroom wall to see what other JMPS middle school students are reading.

**Sample parent note:**

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 (name of student)

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Date:

Parent Signature: