

# 8th Grade ELA

Are you sure you're ready?? Complete these challenges to make sure!



## [GUIDE TO ISEE PREP](#) (Clickable Link)

- By the end of May, complete practice test one on *Test Innovators*.
- Analyze your data.
- Work through your *Test Innovators* Prep Plan.
- You should spend at least **20 minutes a day, 4 days a week** on *Test Innovators*.
  - Videos
  - Practice Exercises
  - Reading & Vocabulary Prep (see below)
- By the end of June, complete practice test two, analyze your data, and continue your prep plan.

[Practice Test](#) → [Analyze Data](#) → [Prep Plan](#)

### Reading

#### Requirements:

- At least 67 minutes per week.
- Selected materials must be on or above grade level.
- All genres and formats are acceptable!
- See below for information on the reading challenge and earning prize points!

### Vocabulary

#### [300 ISEE Words To Know List](#) (Clickable)

- Memorize: the word, its part of speech, its definition
- Use the word as many times as you can in conversation or writing.
- Points will be added to your prize bank if you find and highlight the words in your reading. Pics or it didn't happen!
- Try to return to school with at least 40 words memorized!
- [Quizlets](#)

# READING CHALLENGE



## Are you up for a challenge?

See how many you can conquer and earn prize points for your return to school! There will be winners!

### Here's how it works:

**Step 1:** Select a challenge and book to help you fulfill it.

**Step 2:** Read the book.

**Step 3:** Complete DOG EARS (see below) for the book, and be prepared to submit these the first day of school.

### Reading Challenges:

- 1) A book based entirely on its cover.
- 2) A book that has or will have a TV or movie adaptation
- 3) A book you can read in one sitting
- 4) A book your mom or dad loves
- 5) A book you started but never finished
- 6) A graphic novel
- 7) A Bible Study or Spiritual Commentary
- 8) A book that won an award
- 9) A non-fiction book about something you've always wanted to know more about
- 10) A book chosen by a bookstore clerk.
- 11) A play
- 12) A collection of poems or short stories



## **DOG EARS**



**Dig Deeper** – What genre is the work? What is the writing style? What lesson may the work be teaching? Why is it popular/famous?

**Opinion** – What is your opinion on the ideas and actions from within the work? Do you agree with the characters' thoughts and actions?

**Geography** - Where and when in the world does the text unfold and how is this significant? Is the setting merely background or does it play an integral role in the work?

**Experience** – How do your personal experiences coincide or mesh with the experiences in the text?

**Along the Way/Patterns** - What do you notice as you read? What reoccurs in the reading? What is the author doing with structure, with words, with sentences, with punctuation?

**Reflection** – Did you enjoy your reading experience? What did the book make you think, feel, or question?

**Show Understanding** - Explaining in your own words what happens in the text means you understand. So, show me. Summarize & Analyze. What happened in the work? Who were the major characters? What do you know or understand better after reading?