

Cohasset Public Schools
Grade 8 ELA
Summer Reading Assignment 2023

All incoming grade 8 students are required to read *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (ISBN 978-0-553-29698-3) and complete a double entry journal according to the directions below.

Grade 8 ELA students will also be **strongly encouraged** to participate in *The New York Times* Learning Network 10-Week Summer Reading Contest. Each week students can choose any *New York Times* article, essay, graph, image, video or podcast episode that sparked their interest and write a short response. The contest will build their knowledge of world events and keep their writing skills sharp. ([See attached handout from the NYT.](#)) Plus, the *New York Times* will publish each week's winner or winners and celebrate the winners on Twitter and Facebook.

Directions for Reading Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl:

1. *Before* you begin the diary, visit the Anne Frank House at [AnneFrank.org](https://www.annefrank.org). Under the tab "Anne Frank," watch all the videos about Anne, the Secret Annex, and the diary. This will provide you with the background knowledge to better understand Anne's diary entries.
2. View the photos and read the captions at the beginning of the diary, and read the foreword and short introduction by Eleanor Roosevelt.
3. Once you begin reading the diary entries, have a highlighter or pencil on hand to mark interesting passages for your double entry journal. Every 20 pages, you will record something you found interesting from the text (in left column) and your reaction to it (right column) in this [double entry journal](#) (attached). Please make a copy of the double entry journal template if you plan to type your entries on your computer. If you would prefer to hand write your entries, you can keep your journal on white-lined paper and use the attached double entry journal as a guide to organize your notes. A [sample double entry journal](#) is attached.
4. Grading: This assignment will be turned in the first week of school and earn a test grade. Your notes, if done well, should be very helpful when completing a literary analysis essay.

Directions for *The New York Times* Learning Network Summer Reading Contest:

1. Please visit the website for all contest directions, guidelines, and tips for writing rich responses:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/04/27/learning/our-14th-annual-summer-reading-contest.html>
2. *You **DO NOT NEED** a NYT subscription to participate.
3. Each week, choose a piece that interests you. Read it critically and make a personal connection. Draft your responses on a Google Doc before submitting them on the contest page. You can turn in your Google Doc the first week of school as evidence that you participated in the contest.

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DOUBLE ENTRY JOURNAL

FROM THE TEXT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An interesting passage. “Quote” short passages and paraphrase long passages and include (page number). • A specific “quote” with (page number) • Key event • Critical fact • Interesting Language 	FROM YOUR MIND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your reaction (thought, feeling, opinion, analysis) • Questions you have • A comparison • An explanation - researched or from prior knowledge • An interpretation of theme or message communicated
Sunday, 14 June, 1942 - Saturday, 11 July, 1942 <i>Your excerpt from the text goes here.</i>	Pages 1-21 <i>Your thinking goes here.</i>
Friday, 14 August, 1942 - Friday, 9 October, 1942	Pages 22- 40
Friday, 16 October, 1942 - Thursday, 10 December 1942	Pages 40 - 60
Sunday, 13 December, 1942 - Saturday, 1 May, 1943	Pages 60 - 80
Tuesday, 18 May, 1943 - Wednesday, 4 August, 1943	Pages 80 - 98
Thursday, 5 August, 1943 - Saturday, 19 November, 1943	Pages 98 - 120
Monday, 6 December, 1943 - Saturday, 22 January, 1944	Pages 120 - 140
Monday, 24 January, 1944 - Sunday, 27 February, 1944	Pages 141 - 160
Monday, 28 February, 1944 - Monday, 20 March, 1944	Pages 160 - 183
Tuesday, 22 March, 1944 - Tuesday, 11 April, 1944	Pages 184 - 208

Friday, 14 April, 1944 - Monday, 8 May, 1944	Pages 208 - 229
Tuesday, 9 May, 1944 - Tuesday, 13 June, 1944	Pages 230 - 248
Wednesday, 14 June, 1944 - Tuesday, 1 August, 1944	Pages 248 - 268
Afterword	Pages 269 - 283