**8th Grade GT English Summer Assignment 2017**

Between now and the third week of school in September, select and read a complete an **authorized** **biography (at least 250 pages)**. You may use a library book if you wish, but you will need to have access to (either hard or electronic) copy of this book in September, so be sure it is one you will be able to locate and check out again.

The criteria for your **biography** are as follows:

**\*\*Select a person who has had a POSITIVE impact on society (ours or others)**

**\*\*Select from one of the following categories:**

Arts and Literature

Science and Technology

History

Politics and Government

Business

Sports

**\*\*The person must have a finite biography—in other words, he or she must no longer be among the living!**

**As you read, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you highlight, underline, tab, or somehow note where you can find information for the following categories:**

**\*\*influences on your person**

**\*\*how this person positively impacted society**

**\*\*what people/society can learn from this person**

**Also, be ready to discuss why you chose the person you did and your thoughts about this person after reading his or her biography.**

You may either read your biography over the summer, or you may read it during the first two weeks of school (not in class). We will be working with this biography after the second week of school, so you must be finished reading it by then. Your biography must be at least **250** pages in length.

**\*\*No, *The Diary of Anne Frank* IS NOT a biography nor appropriate for this assignment!**

**\*\*\***Also, you will be required to complete a poster (bring a ½ a large poster board on Monday of the third week of school) with examples for the 7 Habits as well. **You should know the 7 habits as we have been doing this for the past two years in Flex Friday**.

**As you read, you will need to find text evidence showing how each habit was represented in this person’s life. As you read make sure you find and annotate (label and be able to explain) the text evidence for the 7 Habits.**

**I look forward to meeting you in August!!**