



## 2020 Summer Reading List Middle School Grades 6 – 8

In each grade level, students will have one required book. Aside from the required grade level book, students are also required to read one fiction and one non-fiction book from their respective grade lists below.

At the beginning of the school year, students will complete graded assignments related to their summer reading as directed by their respective English teachers. These assignments will include both a written and an oral component.

Students are encouraged to read additional books based on their grade level once they satisfy their requirement.

### **GRADE 6**

#### **- Required Book -**

*I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (Nonfiction, Standard Version)

#### **- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fiction (Read One) -**

*The King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper

*Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

*Tracking Trash* by Loree Griffin Burns

*Code Talker* by Joseph Bruchac

*Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus

*The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck

*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM* by Robert C. O'Brien

*Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine

*Peak* by Roland Smith

*When My Name Was Keoko* by Linda Sue Park

*The Seer of Shadows* by Avi  
*Throwing Heat* by Fred Bowen  
*A Thousand Never Evers* by Shana Burg  
*Powerless* by Matthew Cody  
*Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party* by Ying Chang Compestine  
*The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd  
*Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper  
*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine  
*Bound* by Donna Jo Napoli  
*How To Get Rich in the California Gold Rush* by Tod Olson  
*Boy in Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne  
*Off to Be the Wizard* by Scott Meyer  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (Series)  
*Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle  
*City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau  
*Black Stallion* by Walter Farley

**- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Non-Fiction (Read One) -**

*Boy of the Painted Cave* by Justin F. Denzel  
*Anooka's Answer* by Marjorie Cowley  
*Ancient Agriculture: From Foraging to Farming* by Michael Woods and Mary B. Woods  
*Babylonians: Cradle of Civilization* by Eleaine Landau  
*Ancient Egypt* by John Malam  
*Growing Up in Ancient Egypt* by Rosalie David  
*Lost Cities of the Ancient World* by Joel Levy  
*India: The Land* by Bobbie Kalman  
*Science in Ancient India* by Melissa Stewart  
*Ancient China* by Arthur Cotterell  
*Ten Suns: A Chinese Legend* by Eric Kimmel  
*Stranger on the Silk Road: A Story of Ancient China* by Jessica Gunderson  
*The Greeks: Life in Ancient Greece* by Michelle Levine  
*Socrates: The Public Conscience of Golden Age Athens* by Jun Lim

*The Etruscans* by Don Nardo  
*Constantine: Ruler of Christian Rome* by Julian Morgan  
*Legacies from Ancient Rome* by Anita Ganeri  
*At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Lincoln's Grave Robbers* by Steve Sheinkin

## **GRADE 7**

### **- Required Book -**

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor

### **- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fiction (Read One) -**

*The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (Series)

*Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell

*Divergent* by Veronica Roth (Series)

*Runaway* by Wendelin Van Draanen

*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Things Not Seen* by Andrew Clements

*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London

*Someone Like You* by Sarah Dessen

*War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

*The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini (Series)

*Corner of the Universe* by Ann M. Martin

*How Angel Peterson Got His Name* by Gary Paulsen

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

*Maximum Ride* by James Patterson (Series)

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

*The Keeper's Tattoo* by Gill Arbuthnott

*Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi  
*A Time of Miracles* by Anne-Laure Bondoux  
*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card (Series)  
*Deadly* by Julie Chibbaro  
*The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas  
*Snow Falling in Spring* by Moying Li  
*Paper Towns* by John Green  
*The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green  
*Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne  
*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams

**- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Non-Fiction (Read One) -**

*Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steve Sheinkin  
*How Rome Fell: Death of a Superpower* by Adrian Goldsworthy  
*The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite De Angeli  
*Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi* by Tomie dePaola  
*Joan of Arc: The Lily Maid* by Margaret Hodges  
*Anna of Byzantium* by Tracy Barrett  
*The Life of the Prophet Muhammad* by Leila Azzam  
*The Crusades* by John Child  
*Empires of Medieval West Africa* by David C. Conrad  
*Ancient Chinese Dynasties* by Eleanor J Hall  
*Science in Ancient China* by George W. Beshore  
*The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean  
*The Boy and the Samurai* by Erik Christian Haugaard  
*Aztecs and Maya: What Life was Like for Ancient Civilizations in Central America* by Fiona MacDonald  
*Machu Picchu: The Story of the Amazing Incas and Their City in the Clouds* by Elizabeth Mann  
*The Medicis: A Ruling Dynasty* by Heather Lehr Wagner  
*Elizabethan England* by Ruth Ashby  
*The Printing Press: A Breakthrough in Communication* by Richard Tames  
*Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth I* by Jane Resh Thomas

*Francisco Pizarro and the Conquest of the Inca* by Gina De Angelis

*Galileo and the Universe* by Steve Parker

*People at the Center of the Enlightenment* by Gail B. Stewart

*The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Heroism, Adventure and Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin

*The President Has Been Shot: the Assassination of JFK* by James L. Swanson

*Red Scarf Girl: A memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-li Jiang and David Henry Hwang

*The Secret Family: 24 Hours Inside the Mysterious World of Our Minds and Bodies* by David Bodanis

*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

## **GRADE 8**

### **- Required Book -**

*House of Sand and Fog* by Andre Dubus III

### **- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Fiction (Read One) -**

*Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers

*The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

*My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Piccolt

*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathon Swift

*Snow Bound* by Harry Mazer

*Girl in Blue* by Ann Rinaldi

*I Am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier

*Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

*The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

*Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

*Shattering Glass* by Gail Giles

*A Rose for Melinda* by Lurlene McDaniels

*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of*

*Electricity and Hope* by William Kamkwamba and Brian Mealer

*Going Bovine* by Libba Bray

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

*Deadline* by Chris Crutcher

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

*Tiger Moon* by Antonia Michaelis

*The Housekeeper and the Professor* by Yoko Ogawa

*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana DeRosnay

*Looking for Alaska* by John Green

*Maggot Moon* by Sally Gardner

*Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool

*War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells

**- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Non-Fiction (Read One) -**

*Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food* by Eric Schlosser & Charles  
Wilson

*The Good, the Bad, and the Barbies* by Tonya Lee Stone

*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim  
Murphy

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search for John Wilkes Booth* by James L. Swanson

*Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice* by Phillip Hoose

*Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Odyssey to Reunite With His Mother* by Sonia Nazario

*Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

*Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books* by Gary Paulsen

*The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors  
Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi* by Neal Bascomb

*This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl* by Esther, Lori & Wayne Earl

*Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders* by Brandon Marie Miller