2021 Middle School & High School Summer Reading Lists

Middle School Grades 6 - 8

Students are required to read three books: one required book, 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.

6th grade		
Required Book	Text	Author
	I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai (Nonfiction, Standard Version)
Fiction Book	The King of Shadows	Susan Cooper
	Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
	Code Talker	Joseph Bruchac
	Heart of a Samurai	Margi Preus
	The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts	Richard Peck
	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM	Robert C. O'Brien
	Peak	Roland Smith
	When My Name Was Keoko	Linda Sue Park
	The Seer of Shadows	Avi
	Throwing Heat	Fred Bowen
	A Thousand Never Evers	Shana Burg
	Powerless	Matthew Cody
	Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party	Ying Chang Compestine

	The London Eye Mystery	Siobhan Dowd
	Out of My Mind	Sharon Draper
	Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine
	Bound	Donna Jo Napoli
	How To Get Rich in the California Gold Rush	Tod Olson
	The Boy in Striped Pajamas	John Boyne
	Off to Be the Wizard	Scott Meyer
	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis (Series)
	City of Ember	Jeanne DuPraue
	Black Stallion	Walter Farley
Non-Fiction Book	Tracking Trash	Loree Griffin Burns
BOOK	Hana's Suitcase	Karen Levine
	Boy of the Painted Cave	Justin F. Denzel
	Ancient China by Arthur Cotterell Stranger on the Silk Road: A Story of Ancient China	Jessica Gunderson
	Legacies from Ancient Rome	Anita Ganeri
	At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England	Walter Dean Myers
	Lincoln's Grave Robbers	Steve Sheinkin

7th grade		
Demoired Deals	Text	Author
Required Book	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor
Fiction Book	Eleanor and Park	Rainbow Rowell
	Divergent	Veronica Roth (Series)
	The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein
	Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
	Things Not Seen	Andrew Clements

	The Call of the Wild	lack Landon
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	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
	The Killer Angels	Michael Shaara
	Eragon	Christopher Paolini (Series)
	Corner of the Universe	Ann M. Martin
	Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
	Maximum Ride	James Patterson (Series)
	The Keeper's Tattoo	Gill Arbuthnott
	Ship Breaker	Paolo Bacigalupi
	A Time of Miracles	Anne-Laure Bondoux
	Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card (Series)
	Deadly	Julie Chibbaro
	The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas
	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
	The Fault in Our Stars Paper Towns	John Green
	Twenty-thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Jules Verne
	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams
	The Door in the Wall	Marguerite De Angeli
	The Kite Rider	Geraldine McCaughrean
Non-Fiction	Snow Falling in Spring	Moying Li
Book	Bomb: The Race to Build – and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon	Steve Sheinkin
	How Rome Fell: Death of a Superpower	Adrian Goldsworthy
	Anna of Byzantium	Tracy Barrett
	The Life of the Prophet Muhammad	Leila Azzam
	Aztecs and Maya: What Life was Like for Ancient Civilizations in Central America	Fiona MacDonald
	Machu Picchu: The Story of the Amazing Incas and Their City in the Clouds	Elizabeth Mann

The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Heroism, Adventure and Treachery	Steve Sheinkin
The President Has Been Shot: the Assassination of JFK	James L. Swanson
Red Scarf Girl: A memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Ji-li Jiang and David Henry Hwang
Silent Spring	Rachel Carson

8th grade		
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Required Book	Mindsets **includes required assignment**	Carol S. Dweck
Fiction Book	Fallen Angels	Walter Dean Myers
	The Help	Kathryn Stockett
	My Sister's Keeper	Jodi Piccoult
	Gulliver's Travels	Jonathon Swift
	Snow Bound	Harry Mazer
	Girl in Blue	Ann Rinaldi
	I Am the Cheese	Robert Cormier
	Jurassic Park	Michael Crichton
	The Good Earth	Pearl S. Buck
	Killer Angels	Michael Shaara
	A Rose for Melinda	Lurlene McDaniels
	Monster	Walter Dean Myers
	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope	William Kamkwamba and Brian Mealer
	Going Bovine	Libba Bray
	A Separate Peace	John Knowles
	Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Jamie Ford
	Tiger Moon	Antonia Michaelis
	Sarah's Key	Tatiana DeRosnay
	Looking for Alaska	John Green

	Maggot Moon	Sally Gardner
	Navigating Early	Clare Vanderpool
	War of the Worlds	H.G. Wells
Non-Fiction Book	Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food	Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson
	An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793	Jim Murphy
	Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search for John Wilkes Booth	James L. Swanson
	Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice	Phillip Hoose
	Enrique's Journey: The Story of a Boy's Odyssey to Reunite With His Mother	Sonia Nazario
	Farewell to Manzanar	Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
	Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books	Gary Paulsen
	The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi	Neal Bascomb
	This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl	Esther, Lori & Wayne Earl
	Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders	Brandon Marie Miller

High School Summer Reading List

All rising freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to read one fiction book from the texts listed below.

At the beginning of the school year, students in all grades and on all levels will be assigned work related to their summer reading as directed by their respective English teachers. Those assignments during the first month of the new school year may, at the teacher's discretion, have a written and/or an oral component.

9th Grade	
Title	Author
The House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros
Arabian Nights	Zipes
All Quiet on the Western Front	Erich Remarque
Crick Crack Monkey	Merle Hodge
War of the Worlds	H. G. Wells
Cry the Beloved Country	Alan Patton
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Mark Haddon
1984	George Orwell
The Bean Trees	Barbara Kingsolver
The Murder on the Orient Express	Agatha Christie
Reaching for the Moon	Katherine Johnson, Heather Alicia Simms, et al
On Writing	Stephen King

10th Grade	
Title	Author
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
The Color Purple	Alice Walker
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close	Judith Foer
A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens
Slaughterhouse Five	Kurt Vonnegut

The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde
In Custody	Anita Desai

11th Grade	
Title	Author
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey
The Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan
My Antonia	Willa Cather
Sophie's Choice	William Styron
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
The Fountainhead	Ayn Rand
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest J. Gaines
The Vanishing Half	Brit Bennett
Go Tell It On The Mountain	James Baldwin
The Night Manager	John le Carré
Midnight's Children	Salman Rushdie

12th Grade	
Title	Author
The Alchemist	Paul Coelho
A Room with a View	E. M. Forster
One Hundred Years of Solitude	Gabriel García Marquez
Animal Dreams	Barbara Kingsolver
This Side of Paradise	F Scott Fitzgerald
The Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro
A Gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles
Emma	Jane Austen
Invisible Man	Ralph Waldo Ellison
Invisible Cities	Italo Calvino

War and Peace	Leo Tolstoy
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay	Michael Chabon
Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel