

Rising 7th-Grade Summer Reading

*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;
there are only children who have not found the right book.”*
– Frank Serafini

You are on your honor not to select books that you have previously read independently or studied in any class.

World History. Please read this book for history class.

-Tales of Ancient Egypt (Roger Lancelyn Green)

Battle of the Books. Please read at least one of these books.

Author	Title
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i>
Craft, Jerry	<i>New Kid</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>
Engle, Margarita	<i>Enchanted Air</i>
Gemeinhart, Dan	<i>The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>On the Far Side of the Mountain</i>
Giff, Patricia	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>
Heidicker, Christian McKay	<i>Scary Stories for Young Foxes</i>
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Our Only May Amelia</i>
Park, Linda Sue	<i>A Single Shard</i>
Patterson, James	<i>Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life</i>
Rorby, Ginny	<i>Lost in the River of Grass</i>
Sloan, Holly	<i>Counting by 7s</i>
Smith, Roland	<i>Elephant Run</i>
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	<i>The Egypt Game</i>
Swanson, James L.	<i>Chasing Lincoln’s Killer</i>
Tolan, Stephanie S.	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>The Running Dream</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Harbor Me</i>

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Free Choice! Please select at least one work of fiction or nonfiction of your own choice. If you're having trouble making a choice, here are some suggestions:

- The Young Champion's Mind: How to Think, Train, and Thrive Like an Elite Athlete* (Jim Afremow)
- Crossover* (Kwame Alexander)
- The House with the Chicken Legs* (Sophie Anderson)
- Souder* (William H. Armstrong)
- Nothing But the Truth* (Avi)
- Tuck Everlasting* (Natalie Babbitt)
- Tangerine* (Edward Bloor)
- The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree* (Bill Brittain)
- Older Than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth* (Don Brown)
- Ana María Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle* (Hilda Eunice Burgos)
- The Trouble With Shooting Stars* (Meg Cannistra)
- The Maze Runner* (James Dashner)
- It Ain't so Awful, Falafel* (Firoozeh Dumas)
- Bull Run* (Paul Fleischman)
- Johnny Tremain* (Esther Forbes)
- The Miracle Worker* (William Gibson)
- Julie of the Wolves or My Side of the Mountain* (Jean Craighead George)
- Refugee* (Alan Gratz)
- Summer of My German Soldier* (Bette Greene)
- Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt, 57 B.C.* (Kristiana Gregory)
- The Old Man and the Sea* (Ernest Hemingway)
- In the Reign of Terror: A Story of the French Revolution* (G. A. Henty)
- The Night Diary* (Veera Hiranandani)
- Now Is Not Too Late* (Isabelle Holland)
- Alex Rider: Skeleton Key* (Anthony Horowitz)
- Story of My Life* (Helen Keller)
- The Story That Cannot Be Told* (J. Kasper Kramer)
- Victoria: May Blossom of Britannia, England, 1829* (Anna Kirwan)
- A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver* (E.L. Konigsburg)
- Elizabeth I: Red Rose of the House of Tudor, England, 1544* (Kathryn Lasky)
- Marie Antoinette: Princess of Versailles, Austria-France 1769* (Kathryn Lasky)
- Number the Stars* (Lois Lowry)
- Hero or Fantasy League* (Mike Lupica)
- The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero* (Patricia McCormick)
- Isabel: Jewel of Castilla, Spain, 1466* (Carolyn Meyer)
- Ruined* (Paula Morris)
- The Boys' War* (Jim Murphy)
- Hoops* (Walter Dean Myers)
- Olympians* (George O'Connor)
- Wonder* (R.J. Palacio)
- Jacob Have I Loved* (Katherine Paterson)
- Brian's Return, Brian's Winter, The River, Soldier's Heart or Woodsong* (Gary Paulsen)
- A Day No Pigs Would Die* (Robert Newton Peck)
- Freak the Mighty* (Rodman Philbrick)
- Behind Rebel Lines* (Seymour Reit)
- Ghost Boys* (Jewell Parker Rhodes)
- The Light in the Forest* (Conrad Richter)

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- Small Steps* (Louis Sachar)
- Making Bombs for Hitler* or *The War Below* (Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch)
- The Pearl* or *The Red Pony* (John Steinbeck)
- I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944* (Lauren Tarshis)
- The Hobbit* (J.R.R. Tolkien)
- Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps* (Andrea Warren)
- The Time Machine* (H.G. Wells)
- Our Town* (Thornton Wilder)
- Firegirl* (Tony Abbott)
- Al Capone Does My Shirts* (Gennifer Choldenko)
- Dead End in Norvelt* (Jack Gantos)
- Nory Ryan's Song* (Patricia R. Giff)
- Fish in a Tree* (Lynda Mullaly Hunt)
- A Song for a Whale* (Lynne Kelly)
- The Tail of Emily Windsnap* (Liz Kessler)
- Hattie Big Sky* (Kirby Larson)
- Call of the Wild* (Jack London)
- Touching Spirit Bear* (Ben Mikaelson)
- A Night Divided* (Jenifer Nielsen)
- Black Star, Bright Dawn* (Scott O'Dell)
- Project Mulberry* (Linda Sue Park)
- The Teacher's Funeral* (Richard Peck)
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* (Rick Riordan)
- Fuzzy Mud* (Louis Sachar)
- The Wednesday Wars* (Gary D. Schmidt)
- Bomb: The Race to Build--And Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* (Steve Sheinkin)
- Uglies* (Scott Westerfield)
- Devil's Arithmetic* (Jane Yolen)