

Rising 8th-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.

Nonfiction (Holocaust). Please read this book for history class.

-All But My Life: A Memoir (Gerda Weissmann Klein)

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:

- Things Fall Apart* (Chinua Achebe)
- Watership Down* (Richard Adams)
- The Bear and the Nightingale* (a series by Katherine Arden)
- Trust the Grind: How World-Class Athletes Got To The Top* (Jeremy Bhandari)
- When the Legends Die* (Hal Borland)
- They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems* (David Bowles)
- Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury)
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* (Dee Brown)
- The Plain Janes* (Cecil Castellucci)
- The Face on the Milk Carton* (Caroline B. Cooney)
- Stella by Starlight* (Sharon Draper)
- Thinking Physics: Practical Lessons in Critical Thinking* (Lewis Carroll Epstein)
- The House of the Scorpion* (Nancy Farmer)
- The Skin I'm In* (Sharon G. Flake)
- Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (Anne Frank)
- Alas, Babylon* (Pat Frank)
- Lincoln: A Photobiography* (Russell Freedman)
- Art Matters: Because Your Imagination Can Change the World* (Neil Gaiman)
- I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* (Martin Ganada and Caitlin Alifrenka)
- Outliers* (Malcolm Gladwell)
- Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations* (Alex and Brett Harris)
- Hiroshima* (John Hersey)
- Across Five Aprils, No Promises in the Wind, or Up a Road Slowly* (Irene Hunt)
- A Gebra Named Al* (Wendy Isdell)
- Kira Kira* (Cynthia Kadohata)
- Rifles for Watie* (Harold Keith)
- Flowers for Algernon* (Daniel Keyes)
- The Secret Life of Bees* (Sue Monk Kidd)
- Mom, The Wolfman and Me* (Norma Klein)
- Abe's Story: A Holocaust Memoir* (Abram Korn and Joseph Korn)
- March: Book One* (John Lewis)
- Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra* (Wendy Lichtman)
- Gathering Blue* (Lois Lowry)
- Life of Pi* (Yann Martel)
- A Member of the Wedding or The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* (Carson McCullers)
- The Crucible* (Arthur Miller)
- What If? Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions* (Randall Munroe)
- Monster, Scorpions, or Juba!* (Walter Dean Myers)
- Resistance* (Jennifer A. Nielson)
- Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound* (Andrea Davis Pinkney)
- Tisha: The Wonderful True Love Story of a Young Teacher in the Alaskan Wilderness* (Anne Purdy and Robert Specht)
- Okay for Now* (Gary D. Schmidt)
- A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tragedy of Julius Caesar, or Macbeth* (William Shakespeare)
- Milkweed or Stargirl* (Jerry Spinelli)
- We Should Hang Out Sometime* (Josh Sundquist)
- The Hiding Place* (Corrie ten Boom, Elizabeth Sherrill, and John Sherrill)

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- Taste of Salt* (Frances Temple)
- The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas)
- Treasure Island* (Robert Louis Stevenson)
- Night* (Elie Wiesel)
- It's a Numberful World: How Math Is Hiding Everywhere* (Eddie Woo)
- Brown Girl Dreaming* (Jacqueline Woodson)
- I am Malala* (Malala Yousafzai)
- 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* (Jennifer 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)