

# SUMMER READING 2021-2022

## Language Arts GRADES 6 - 8



Summer reading is an important activity for maintaining fluency and reading levels. It also encourages independent reading. And reading can be fun!

This summer we are asking all students to read two books of their choice! We encourage you to choose books that you would enjoy reading.

We have attached a list of the "Most Recommended Books for Middle School - Fiction and Nonfiction." The titles on this list are RECOMMENDED and not required. If you would prefer to read something, not on this list - Go for it! The most important thing is to read something you enjoy!!

As you read, consider the following strategies to annotate the text using post-its and/or a document.

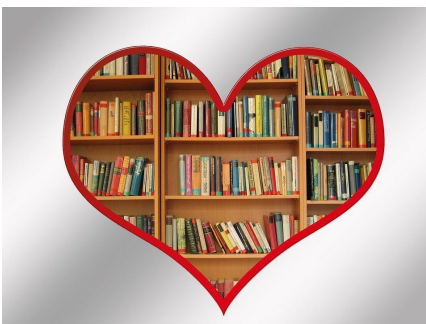
- Key events in each chapter
- Characterization
- Themes
- Author's Style/Literary devices
- Connections to other texts
- Vocabulary

So, grab or download a good book and enjoy! We have all picked out our summer reading books and are looking forward to kicking back and escaping into some good stories, too! We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Just for fun, take a selfie of yourself reading this summer and send it to us!!! We will use it in the fall as part of our welcome back slideshow.

Enjoy your summer!

Mrs. DeStio-Fontaine, Mrs. deVillers, Mrs. Santos, Mrs. Walsh, and Ms. Berrios



# Most Recommended Books for Middle School Students

## Fiction

Author	Title
Adams, Richard	<i>Watership Down</i>
Alcott, Louisa May	<i>Little Women (Little Women, Book #1)</i>
Alexie, Sherman	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>
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Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Fever 1793</i>
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Speak</i>
Appelt, Kathi	<i>The Underneath</i>
Applegate, Katherine	<i>Wishtree</i>
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan (Book #1)</i>
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Bob (Book #2)</i>
Avi	<i>Poppy</i>
Babbitt, Natalie	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
Bell, CeCe	<i>El Deafo</i>
Bradley, Kimberly	<i>The War That Saved My Life</i>
Brashares, Ann	<i>Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants/Second Summer of the Sisterhood/Girls in Pants (3 Book Set)</i>
Cameron, W. Bruce	<i>A Dog's Purpose</i>
Card, Orson Scott	<i>Ender's Game (Ender's Saga, Book #1)</i>
Christie, Agatha	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>
Christie, Agatha	<i>And Then There Were None</i>
Colfer, Eion	<i>Artemis Fowl (Artemis Fowl, Book #1)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games (The Hunger Games, Book #1)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Catching Fire (The Hunger Games, Book #2)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>Mockingjay (The Hunger Games, Book #3)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (A Hunger Games Novel)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Underland Chronicles: Gregor the Overlander (Book #1)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Underland Chronicles: Gregor and the Prophecy of Bane (Book #2)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Underland Chronicles: Gregor and the Curse of the Warmbloods (Book #3)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Underland Chronicles: Gregor and the Marks of Secret (Book #4)</i>
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Underland Chronicles: Gregor and the Code of Claw (Book #5)</i>
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Matilda</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Charlie Bucket, Book #1)</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>The BFG</i>
Dessen, Sarah	<i>The Truth About Forever</i>
Dowell, Francis O'Roark	<i>Shooting the Moon</i>

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Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>The Hounds of Baskerville</i>
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	<i>A Study in Scarlet</i>
Dumas, Firoozeh	<i>It Ain't so Awful Falafel</i>
Frank, Steven B.	<i>Armstrong and Charlie</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>
Gibbs, Stuart	<i>Space Case</i>
Gidwitz, Adam	<i>A Tale Dark and Grimm</i>
Goldberg Sloan, Holly	<i>Counting by 7's</i>
Goldman, William	<i>The Princess Bride</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Allies</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Projekt 1065: A Novel of World War II</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Prisoner B-3087</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Code of Honor</i>
Gratz, Alan	<i>Grenade</i>
Green, John	<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>
Green, John	<i>Looking for Alaska</i>
Green, John	<i>Paper Towns</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Among the Hidden (Book #1)</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Among the Imposters (Book #2)</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Among the Betrayed (Book #3)</i>
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	<i>Among the Barons (Book #4)</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Hesse, Karen	<i>Out of the Dust</i>
Howe, James	<i>Misfits</i>
Kehret, Peg	<i>Escaping the Giant Wave</i>
Knowles, John	<i>A Separate Peace</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>A View from Saturday</i>
Korman, Gordan	<i>Swindle</i>
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>The Time Trilogy: A Wrinkle in Time, A Wind in the Door, and A Swiftly Tilting Planet (Books #1-3)</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>Ella Enchanted</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia, Book #1)</i>
Liu, Marie	<i>Legend (Legend, Book #1)</i>
Liu, Marie	<i>Prodigy (Legend, Book #2)</i>
Liu, Marie	<i>Champion (Legend, Book #3)</i>
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Rules</i>

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
Steinbeck, John	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>
Swallow, Pamela Curtis	<i>It Only Looks Easy</i>
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>Emma Jean Lazarus Fell in Love (Book #2)</i>
Taylor, Mildred D.	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Lord of the Rings</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Two Towers (Lord of the Rings, Book #2)</i>
Tolkien, J.R.R.	<i>The Return of the King (Lord of the Rings, Book #3)</i>
Turnage, Sheila	<i>The Ghosts of Tupelo Landing</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Harbor Me</i>
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>

## Nonfiction

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>
Aronson, Marc	<i>Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert</i>
Aronson, Marc	<i>Rising Waters: The Story of the Thai Cave Rescue</i>
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	<i>Kids on Strike</i>
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	<i>They Call Themselves the K.K.K.: Birth of an American Terrorist Group</i>
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell	<i>Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America</i>
Bradley, James	<i>Flags of our Fathers (adapted for young readers with Michael French)</i>
Brown, Don	<i>Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans (graphic novel)</i>
Coffey, Wayne	<i>The Boys of Winter: The Untold Story of a Coach, A Dream, and the 1980 U.S. Hockey Team</i>
Copeland, Misty; Colbert, Brandy	<i>Life in Motion (Young Reader's Edition)</i>
Engle, Margarita	<i>Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings</i>
Fleischman, John	<i>Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story of Brain Science</i>
Frank, Anne	<i>Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Hamilton, Bethany	<i>Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board</i>
Helligan, Deborah	<i>Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers</i>
Hernandez, Laurie	<i>I Got This: To Gold and Beyond</i>
Hillenbrand, Laura	<i>Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive (Young Adult Adaptation)</i>
Hoose, Phillip M.	<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>D-Day: The World War II Invasion that Changed History</i>
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Houston, Jeanne	<i>Farewell to Manzanar</i>
James, Daniel	<i>Boys in the Boat: True Story of an American's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics</i>
Jarrow, Gail	<i>Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America</i>
Jiang, Ji-li	<i>Red Scarf Girl</i>
Lakin, Patricia	<i>Steve Jobs: Think Differently</i>
LeGrand, Eric	<i>Believe: Victorious Story of Eric LeGrand</i>
Levinson, Cynthia	<i>We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March</i>
Levinson, Cynthia and Sanford	<i>Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights, and The Flaws That Affect Us Today</i>
Lloyd, Carli	<i>All Heart: My Dedication and Determination to Become One of Soccer's Best</i>
Lowery, Lynda Blackmon	<i>Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March</i>
McPherson, James M.	<i>Into the West: From Reconstruction to the Final Days of the American Frontier</i>
Nelson, S.D.	<i>Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender</i>
Olson, Tod	<i>Lost in the Pacific, 1942</i>
Oppenheim, Joanne	<i>Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration During World War II and a Librarian Who Made a Difference</i>
Osborne, Linda Barrett	<i>Come On In, America: The United States in World War I</i>
Petry, Ann	<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad</i>
Schanzer, Rosalyn	<i>Witches: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem</i>
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i>
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Bomb: The Race to Build - and Steal - the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights</i>
Shetterly, Margot Lee	<i>Hidden Figures (Young Adult Edition)</i>
Sis, Peter	<i>The Wall: Growing up Behind the Iron Curtain</i>
Sterling, Dorothy	<i>Freedom Train: Story of Harriet Tubman</i>
Stone, Tanya Lee	<i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i>
Swanson, James L.	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i>
Thimmesh, Catherine	<i>Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon</i>
Thompson, Ben	<i>Guts and Glory: The American Civil War</i>
Tougias, Michael J.	<i>A Storm Too Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80 Foot Seas</i>
Tougias, Michael J.; Sherman, Casey	<i>The Finest Hours: True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue (Young Reader's Edition)</i>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>
Yellowhorn, Eldon	<i>Turtle Island: The Story of North America's First People</i>
Yousafzai, Malala	<i>I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World</i>