

2021 Middle School Summer Reading: 8th Grade

The purpose of summer reading is first and foremost to enjoy reading some great books! Additionally, reading over the summer helps to maintain and develop your reading comprehension and vocabulary skills. This summer you will read two books: one that is required and another that is your choice. There are both nonfiction and fiction options. Feel free to take notes about character, setting, plot, conflict, and theme in order to prepare for the start of the school year when we discuss the literature more in depth. You will start the year with a creative assignment based on the books you read. Remember, read what interests you!

All incoming 8th graders will read:

A Wish in the Dark

AUTHOR

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LEXILE

720

GENRE

Fantasy

Choose ONE of the following books:

Salt to the Sea

Sepetys

560

Historical Fiction

House Arrest

Holt

610

Novel in Verse

Murder on the Orient Express

Christie

640

Mystery

Between Two Skies

O'Sullivan

650

Realistic Fiction

This Side of Home

Watson

670

Realistic Fiction

or Piecing Me Together

Genesis Begins Again

Williams

670

Realistic Fiction

The Selection

Cass

680

Fantasy

Shadowshaper

Older

690

Fantasy

Photographic

Quintero

690

Biography

The Game of Love and Death

Brockenbrough

710

Fantasy

Legend

Lu

710

Fantasy

Girl in the Blue Coat

Hesse

720

Mystery

Elsewhere

Zevin

720

Fantasy

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

Gemeinhart

730

Realistic Fiction

Legendborn

Deonn

730

Fantasy

Squirm

Hiaasen

740

Adventure

Pride

Zoboi

760

Realistic Fiction

All American Boys

Reynolds

770

Realistic Fiction

& Kiely

Uglies or others in the Uglies series

Westerfeld

770

Science Fiction

Ender's Game

Card

780

Science Fiction

I Will Always Write Back

Ganda

790

Memoir

& Alifirenka

Airman

Colfer

800

Fantasy

Refugee

Gratz

800

Historical Fiction

Clap When You Land

Acevedo

800

Novel in Verse

Falling Over Sideways

Sonnenblick

820

Realistic Fiction

or Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie

The Enigma Game

Wein

820

Historical Fiction

<u>Mare's War</u>	Davis	830	Realistic Fiction
<u>We Are Displaced</u>	Yousafzai	830	Nonfiction
<u>The Secret Life of Bees</u>	Kidd	840	Historical Fiction
<u>The Scorpio Races</u>	Stiefvater	840	Fantasy
<u>Rebecca</u>	Du Maurier	880	Mystery
<u>All We Have Left</u>	Mills	880	Realistic Fiction
<u>My Family for the War</u>	Voorhoeve	900	Historical Fiction
<u>The Thief</u>	Turner	920	Fantasy
<u>The Librarian of Auschwitz</u>	Iturbe	940	Historical Fiction
<u>The Hobbit</u>	Tolkein	1000	Fantasy
<u>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</u>	Soontornvat	1020	Nonfiction
<u>Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral and Getting It Done</u>	Gonzales & Houser	1030	Memoir
<u>Titanic: Voices from the Disaster</u>	Hopkinson	1040	Historical Nonfiction
<u>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</u>	King	1100	Mystery
<u>Little Women</u>	Alcott	1230	Historical Fiction
<u>Chocolate: Sweet Science and Dark Secrets of the World's Favorite Treat</u>	Frydenborg	1330	Nonfiction
<u>Amazons, Abolitionists, and Activists: A Graphic History of Women's Fight for Their Rights</u>	Kendall		Graphic Novel, Nonfiction