

Grades 7 & 8 Summer Reading List

1. Choose **ONE** book to read from the list below. You will need to annotate and prepare to take a comprehension quiz on one of these books.
2. After you have read your required reading book, you will choose **ONE** book on your reading level of your interest to read. There is a list of suggestions; however, you are not limited to this list.
3. You will only need to answer the questions attached to this document for the book of your choice.

Rising 7th and 8th Grade (pick one book that you have NOT read before)

Option 1: *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Fever 1793 follows Matilda “Mattie” Cook as she struggles to survive the deadly yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia. As the disease spreads and chaos grows, Mattie must find strength, resilience, and courage in order to protect herself and those she loves.

OR

Option 2: *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz follows two parallel stories: Brandon, a boy experiencing the September 11, 2001, attacks firsthand in the World Trade Center, and Reshmina, an Afghan girl in 2019 caught in the ongoing war that resulted from that tragic day. As their stories unfold, both must navigate danger, loss, and difficult choices that highlight the lasting impact of 9/11.

OR

Option 3: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Three brilliant African American women at NASA serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Book Recommendations for Book of Choice (not limited to this list)

These two links have great lists:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/middle-school-nonfiction>

<https://www.weareteachers.com/best-biographies-for-teens/>

Historical Fiction: *Refugee* by Alan Gratz, *My Family for the War* by Anne C. Voorhoeve

Mystery: *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie, *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen

Fantasy: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness, *The Dark Endeavor* by Kenneth Oppel, *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

Sci-Fi: *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer

Romance: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

Adventure: *Jackaroo* by Cynthia Voigt

Horror: *Jane/Emily* by Patricia Clapp, *Doll Bones* by Holly Black, *Wait Until Helen Comes* by Mary Downing Hahn

Comedy: *Last Day on Mars* by Kevin Emerson, *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman

Graphic novels: *Pashmina* by Nidhi Chanani

Sports related: *A Matter of Heart* by Amy Fellner Dominy

Nonfiction: *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson, *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank, *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

Choice Book - Summer Reading Questions

The questions below will help us review literary devices and concepts during the first few weeks of school. On a separate sheet of paper, please answer each of the following questions below for **your CHOICE book** to turn in during the first week of school. Write at least 2-3 sentences per question. If you need help with the questions you may ask a parent or friend.

1. What is a brief summary of your book?
2. What is the setting? Are there multiple settings?
3. Who is the protagonist? And why? What is his/her point of view?
4. Who is the antagonist? This is the rival or opponent. There can be more than one antagonist.
5. What is the main conflict in the story? Would you describe it as internal and external?
6. Does the story have a theme or lesson that can apply to everyone? Every story has a theme and there can be more than one.
7. What are two meaningful quotes in the story that support the theme including the page numbers?
8. What was the story's ending?
9. Write an alternate ending to your story.
10. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?