Eighth Grade Summer Reading List
2019-2020

REQUIRED SUMMER READING: All incoming eighth-grade students must read one of the required texts listed below; this text will be discussed and explored at the beginning of the year. In addition, each student should select two other books from the list below to read.

Required texts:
Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*
OR
Bradley, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*

In addition, students should read two of the following texts (or one if they read both of the books listed above). As they read, students should mark interesting sentences that relate to setting and character; this will facilitate their writing during the first weeks of school.

We’ve worked to create lists that reflect a variety of styles, genres, and experiences—enjoy! If you’d like to learn more about these books, you can ask your English teacher or one of our librarians, look for descriptions on Amazon or Goodreads, or see what your friends might recommend. You can also find the books in our library catalog at this link: https://tinyurl.com/usn-srl-8. Happy reading!

Adams, *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*
Albert, *The Hazel Wood*
Alexander, *Solo*
Baldacci, *Wish You Well*
Benway, *Far From the Tree*
Cavallaro, *A Study in Charlotte*
Choi, *Year of Impossible Goodbyes*
Christie, *And Then There Were None*
Cisneros, *The House on Mango Street*
Clayton, *The Belles*
Doyle, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Gaarder, *Sophie’s World*
Gibbons, *Charms for the Easy Life*
Giles, *Fake ID*
Griffin, *Black Like Me*
Grisham, *A Painted House*
Hesse, *The War Outside*
Horwitz, *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War*
Jaffrey, *Climbing the Mango Trees*
Khorram, *Darius the Great is Not Okay*
Knisley, *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen*
Knowles, *A Separate Peace*
Krakauer, *Into the Wild*
Lewis, *March* trilogy
López (ed.), *Growing Up Chicana/o*
McManus, *One of Us Is Lying*
Myers, *The Glory Field*
Roach, *Packing for Mars* and/or *Gulp*
Ruiz Zafón, *The Prince of Mist*
Saedi, *Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card*
Shetterly, *Hidden Figures*
Simon, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*
Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley*
Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*
Veesey, *Eight World Cups*
Vivian, *The List*
Wein, *Code Name Verity*
White, *The Once and Future King* and/or *The Sword in the Stone*
Yolen, *Briar Rose*
Yousafzai, *I Am Malala*