Eighth Grade Summer Reading List
2020-2021

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

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
Adeyemi, Children of Blood and Bone
Albert, The Hazel Wood
Alexander, Solo
*Benway, Far From the Tree
Bradley, The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie
Cavallaro, A Study in Charlotte
Choi, Year of Impossible Goodbyes
Christie, Murder on the Orient Express
*Cisneros, The House on Mango Street
Clayton, The Belles
*Doyle, The Hound of the Baskervilles
*Dumas, The Count of Monte Cristo
Giles, Fake ID
*Griffin, Black Like Me
*Hesse, The War Outside
Horwitz, Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War
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
Loutzenhiser, If You’re Out There
McManus, One of Us Is Lying
Montgomery, How to Be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals
Perkins, You Bring the Distant Near
Reintgen, Nyxia
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
Vecsey, Eight World Cups
Vivian, The List
Wein, Code Name Verity
Weinersmith, Soonish: Ten Emerging Technologies That’ll Improve and/or Ruin Everything
*White, The Once and Future King
*Yousafzai, I Am Malala