



ROSLYN MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SUMMER READING 2021

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8

Dear Student,

Reading is both enjoyable and vital to your development as a learner and individual, and the summer months often provide a more relaxed opportunity to pursue some worthwhile titles. As a student about to enter the English 8 class in September, you are required to read Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski's powerful and moving work of non-fiction, *An Invisible Thread*. As you read, be sure to take notes on the book, focusing on essential literary elements and author's techniques. It is imperative that you do this so as to gain meaning and insight from this unbelievable true story and to think about its connection to your life and to the world in which we live. Not to mention, taking thorough and accurate notes will also help you remember the story when you return to school.

Please know that during the first weeks of school, students will be involved in seminars and other activities and assessments centered around the book.

NOTE: If you are interested in doing some **additional** reading on your own over the summer, here are some titles recommended by the Eighth Grade team:

KEY:

A = Adventure

C = Classic

F = Fantasy

HF = Historical Fiction

M = Mature Themes

MY = Mystery/Suspense

NF = Non-Fiction

RF = Realistic Fiction

SF = Science Fiction

Abrahams, Peter	<i>Behind the Curtain</i>	MY
Adams, Douglas	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy</i>	SF
Beals, Melba	<i>Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High</i>	NF
Black, Holly	<i>Doll Bones</i>	F, A
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Something Wicked This Way Comes</i>	F, MY
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Code Talker: A Novel About The Navajo Marines of World War Two</i>	HF
Cheng, Jack	<i>See You in the Cosmos</i>	RF
Christie, Agatha	<i>And Then There Were None</i>	MY
Colfer, Eoin	<i>The Wish List</i>	F
Donnelly, Jennifer	<i>Northern Light</i>	HF, MY
Fusco, Kimberley	<i>Tending to Grace</i>	RF
Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	F, MY
Gantos, Jack	<i>Dead End in Norvelt</i>	RF
Hiaasen, Carl	<i>Skink: No Surrender</i>	RF, A
Hillenbrand, Lauren	<i>Unbroken: (YA) An Olympian's Journey From Airman to Castaway to Captive</i>	NF
King, Stephen	<i>The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon</i>	MY, M
Korman, Gordon	<i>Born to Rock</i>	RF
L'Engle, Madeleine	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	C, F, A
Raskin, Ellen	<i>The Westing Game</i>	MY
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>	MY, F
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	HF

Sheinkin, Steve	<i>Bomb: The Race to Build & Steal The World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i>	NF
Sheinkin, Steve	<i>The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure Heroism, and Treachery</i>	NF
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	C, RF
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Treasure Island</i>	C, A
Stork, Francisco X.	<i>Marcelo in the Real World</i>	RF
Sundquist, Josh	<i>We Should Hang Out Sometime</i>	NF
Vanderpool, Clare	<i>Navigating Early</i>	A, RF

**“A BOOK IS A DREAM THAT YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND.”
— NEIL GAIMAN**

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Enjoy your summer, and enjoy your reading! -- The Eighth Grade English Teachers

