

ROSLYN MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

SUMMER READING 2018 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 **ONE** title this summer from the approved list below.

Of course, given the many wonderful selections in this list, we encourage you to read as many additional titles as you wish.

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 the story and to think about its connection to life and 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 at the end of September, you will be asked to respond to an in-class assignment based on ***your choice from this list*** and it will count as a writing grade towards your first-quarter average. Enjoy your summer, and enjoy your reading!

Sincerely,

The Eighth Grade English Teachers

*** Please note: Some books on this list may not be available in paperback ***

KEY:

A = Adventure

C = Classic

F = Fantasy

HF = Historical Fiction

M = Mature Themes

MY = Mystery/Suspense

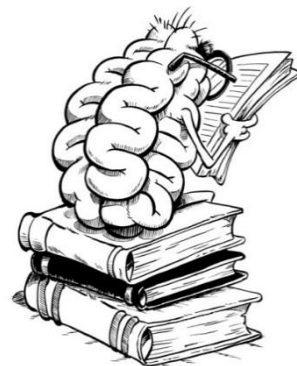
NF = Non-Fiction

RF = Realistic Fiction

SF = Science Fiction

Please go to Barnes & Noble's website for synopses and reviews: www.barnesandnoble.com/

Abrahams, Peter	<i>Behind the Curtain</i>	MY
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
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
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
Korman, Gordon	<i>Born to Rock</i>	RF
McManus, Karen	<i>One of Us is Lying</i>	MY, RF
Raskin, Ellen	<i>The Westing Game</i>	MY
Riggs, Ransom	<i>Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children</i>	MY, F
Schroff, Laura	<i>An Invisible Thread</i>	NF
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**

