

SUMMER READING

EIGHTH GRADE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE BOOK AND READ THE BOOK BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS. YOU WILL RECEIVE A PROJECT ASSIGNMENT FROM YOUR ELA (ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS) TEACHER WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL ON AUGUST 16.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli

A street child, known to himself only as Stop Thief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime

Kalifus Rising: Legends of Orkney by Alane Adams

Book 2 of The Red Sun series. Sam Baron just freed Orkney from the ravages of the Red Sun—but now, imprisoned by Catriona, leader of the Volgrim Witches, Sam finds the darker side of his half-god, half-witch heritage released, and he fears he might destroy what he saved.

The Prince and the Pauper (unabridged) by Mark Twain. A classic tale about two boys who resemble each other in appearance, but one is born in poverty and the other is born in royalty. The plot becomes interesting as the trade places in life by exchanging identities.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (1170 Lexile). A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers (610 Lexile). After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.

Eye of the Crow by Shane Peacock

Young Sherlock finds comfort studying the world around him and reconstructing events, but when he try to solve a sensational murder, Sherlock is accused of the crime and now must use all his mystery-solving skills to save himself.

Down the Rabbit Hole by Peter Abrahams

Like her idol Sherlock Holmes, eighth grader Ingrid Levin-Hill uses her intellect to solve a murder case in her hometown of Echo Falls.

Losers Take All: a Novel by David Klass (890 Lexile). "At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school"--Provided by publisher. A Hilarious Read - Even if you Don't Like Sports! Ms. Pike

The Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old-girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Lockdown by Alexander Gordon Smith (be sure to get the correct author).

When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape just might be possible.

Non-Fiction

Heroes of the Holocaust by Arnold Geier

Contains twenty-eight true stories about people who were willing to risk their lives to save Jews from the Nazis during World War II.

Fireflies in the Dark: The Story of Friedl Dicker Brandeis and the Children of Terezin by Susan Goldman Rubin

Covers the years during which Friedl Dicker, a Jewish woman from Czechoslovakia, taught art to children at the Terezin Concentration Camp. Includes art created by teacher and students, excerpts from diaries, and interviews with camp survivors.

In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer by Irene Gut Opdyke

Recounts the experiences of the author who, as a young Polish girl, hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust.

10,000 Days of Thunder: a History of the Vietnam War by Philip Caputo

Describes the history of the Vietnam War, anecdotes from soldiers and civilians, and the actions of historical leaders, American and Vietnamese.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Pedersen, Knud and the Churchill Club. This nonfiction book details a group of teens who established the Churchill Club. The book explores the numerous actions the young men took to sabotage the Nazis which led to them becoming war heroes.

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Select One of these Titles (all by Avi) :

City of Orphans

The Good Dog

Iron Thunder

Nothing But the Truth

A Place Called Ugly

The Seer of Shadows

Sometimes I Think I Hear My Name

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts: Being an Absolutely Accurate Autobiographical Account of My Follies, Fortune, and Fate

What Do Fish Have to Do With Anything?