

## Middle School English Language Arts Summer Reading Assignments

Your assignment is to read three books. (I hope you read more than three, but.....) Take notes on the theme (message) of the first book and be prepared to discuss it in class. When you come back to school in August, you will take an AR test for each book on the first or second day you return. Your score will count for a test grade in Literature and Social Studies. PLEASE DO NOT read a book you have already taken as an AR test. You cannot repeat an AR test and your test grade will be a zero. Choose a book you have not read!

### **6<sup>th</sup> grade** must read three books

1. One of the following: Take notes on the theme (message).

- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle 4.7
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis 4.9
- From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg 4.7
- The Giver by Lois Lowry 5.7

2. One other book on the general middle school list or another from the above list.

3. One on the Social Studies List.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** must read three books

1. One of the following: Take notes on the theme (message)

- Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli 4.2
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick 5.8
- Out of my Mind by Sharon M. Draper 4.3
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio 4.8

2. One other book on the general middle school list or another from the above list.

3. One on the Social Studies List.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** must read three books

1. One of the following: Take notes on the theme (message).

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak 5.1
- The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt 5.9
- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maude Montgomery 7.3
- The Yearling by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings 5.0

2. One other book on the general middle school list or another from the above list.

3. One on the Social Studies List.

<p><b>GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIST</b>  Leap of Faith  by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley 4.2</p> <p>The Girl Who Threw Butterflies  by Mark Cochrane 5.1</p> <p>Football Hero  by Tom Green 5.1</p> <p>Savvy  by Ingrid Law 6.0</p> <p>Apothecary  by Maile Meloy 4.9</p> <p>War Horse  by Michael Morpurgo 5.9</p> <p>Skink No Surrender  By Carl Hiaasen 5.2</p> <p>Eye of the Storm  By Kate Messner 4.8</p> <p>Lost in the River of Grass  by Ginny Rorby 4.4</p> <p>The Testing  by Joelle Charbonneau 5.6</p> <p>Five People You Meet in Heaven  by Mitch Albom 4.7</p> <p>Counting by 7's  Holly Goldberg Sloan 5.6</p> <p>Jungle of Bones  Ben Mikaelson 5.3</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL STUDIES LIST</b>  Long Walk to Water (fiction)  by Linda Sue Park 5.0</p> <p>Curse of the Pharaohs (non-fiction)  by Zaiti Hawass 7.0</p> <p>Diamonds in the Shadow (fiction)  by Caroline B Cooney 5.1</p> <p>Voices of Ancient Egypt (non-fiction)  by Kay Winters 5.5</p> <p>Journey to the New World, Diary of  Remember Patience Whipple (fiction)  by Kathryn Lasky 6.0</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson Life, Liberty and  the Pursuit of Happiness (biography)  by Amy Kukla 8.0</p> <p>Healing Our World: Inside Doctors  Without Borders (non-fiction)  by David Morley 8.0</p> <p>Fever 1793 (fiction)  by Laurie H Anderson 5.2</p> <p>Johnny Tremain (fiction)  by Esther Forbes 5.9</p> <p>Upstairs Room (fiction)  by Johanna Reiss 3.9</p> <p>Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent  (non-fiction) by Thomas B. Allen 6.5</p> <p>Amos Fortune Free Man (non-fiction)  by Elizabeth Yates 6.5</p> <p>Jefferson's Sons (fiction)  by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley 3.9</p> <p>Lincoln's Last Days (non-fiction)  by Bill O'Reilly 7.5</p>
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