

Summer Reading 7th Grade

This summer, please read one book from the 7th Grade Summer Reading list below. If you would like to choose a challenge option, please read one book and watch a movie that is related thematically to that book. We have chosen novels from various genres, various historical periods and at a variety of reading levels. There is a reading response form for you to fill out, or a book/movie response form for you to complete. They are due the first day of school.

Slavery

- Book: Lester, Julius. *Day of Tears*. MG*
- Movie: *Amazing Grace*. Rated PG.
- Movie: *Nightjohn*. Rated PG-13.

Civil War

- Book: Shaara, Jeffrey. *Killer Angels*. UG
- Book: Mitchell, Margaret. *Gone with the Wind*. UG
- Movie: *Gone with the Wind*. Rated G.

- Book: Rinaldi, Ann. *The Last Silk Dress*. UG
- Book: Beatty, Patricia. *Charlie Skedaddle*. MG
- Movie: *Mosby's Marauders*. (1967). Not Rated.

Pirates

- Book: Rees, Celia. *Pirates: The True and Remarkable Adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington*. UG
- Movie: *Pirates of the Caribbean*. Rated PG-13.

Industrialism

- Book: Paterson, Katherine. *Lyddie*. MG
- Movie: *Wal-mart: The High Cost of Low Price*. (2005). Not Rated.

Present Day

- Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*. MG
- Deuker, Carl. *Night Hoops*. UG
- Hobbs, Will. *Downriver*. UG
- Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team*. MG
- Mikaelson, Ben. *Touching Spirit Bear*. MG
- Philbrick, Rodman. *The Young Man and the Sea*. MG

Futuristic

- MacHale, D.J. *Merchant of Death* (or sequels). MG
- Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon, Eldest* or *Brisinger*. UG
- VanVelde, Vivian. *Heir Apparent*. MG

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Titanic

- Book: Peck, Richard. *Amanda/Miranda*. UG*
- Movie: *Titanic*. Rated PG-13.

Depression Era

- Book: Franklin, Kristine. *Grape Thief*. MG
- Book: Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*. MG
- Movie: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*. Not Rated.

Civil Rights

- Book: Beal, Melba Patillo. *Warriors Don't Cry*. Parent Permission!
- Book: Crowe, Chris. *Mississippi Trial, 1955*. UG
- Movie: *The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till*. Rated PG-13.
- Movie: *The Ernest Greene Story*. Not Rated.

- Book: Nolan, Han. *A Summer of Kings*. MG
- Movie: *Heat of the Night* (1967) Rated PG
- Movie: *A Soldier's Story* (1984) Rated PG

Holocaust

- Book: Bennett, Chris. *Anne Frank and Me*. UG
- Book: Jackson, Livia Bitton. *I Have Lived a Thousand Years*. UG
- Movie: *Anne Frank—The Whole Story*. (2001) Not Rated.
- Movie: *Life Is Beautiful*. (1998) Rated PG-13

Japanese Relocation

- Book: Uchida, Yoshiko. *Journey to Topaz*. UG
- Book: Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki. *Farewell to Manzanar*. UG
- Film: *American Pastime* (2007). Not Rated.

Nuclear Bomb

- Book: Taylor, Theodore. *The Bomb*. UG
- Book: Zindel, Paul. *The Gadget*. UG
- Book: O'Brien, Robert. *Z Is for Zachariah*. UG
- Movie: *Fat Man and Little Boy*. (1989) Rated PG-13.

**Washington
State His.**

- Book: Mochizuki, Ken. *Beacon Hill Boys*. UG
- Movie: *Snow Falling on Cedars*. Rated PG-13

**Vietnam
War**

- Book: Kadohata, Cynthia. *Cracker the Best Dog in Vietnam*. MG
- Film: *Forrest Gump* (1994) Rated PG-13

**Literature
Selections**

- Book: Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*. UG
- Movie: *Fahrenheit 451* (1966) Not Rated.

- Book: Card, Orson Scott. *Ender's Game*. UG
- Movie: *War Games* (1983) Rated PG.

- Book: DuMaurier, Daphne. *Rebecca*. UG
- Movie: *Rebecca* (1940) Not Rated.

Summer Reading 9th Grade

Ninth graders must read two books and watch a movie. One book is personal choice. The other book must be from this list below, along with a movie that is related thematically to that book. We have chosen novels from various genres, various historical periods and at a variety of reading levels. Please complete the Reading Response Form for both books and the movie. If you would like a challenge option, choose two book/movie pairings.

- China**
- Book: *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck (Challenge) UG*
 - Book: *Ties that Bind, Ties that Break*, by Lensey Namioka (Easier Option) MG
 - Film: *The Last Emperor* (1987). Rated PG-13.

 - Book: *Red Scarf Girl*, by Ji-Li Jiang. UG
 - Book: *China's Son: Growing Up in the Cultural Revolution*, by Da Chen
 - Film: *To Live* (1994). Not Rated.
- India**
- Book: *Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet*, by Kashmira Sheth. MG
 - Film: *Bend It Like Beckham* (2003). Rated PG-13.
- Mexico**
- Book: *The Circuit*, by Francisco Jimenez (Easy Option) MG
 - Film: *Selena* (1997). Rated PG.

 - Book: *Zorro*, by Isabelle Allende (Challenge Option) UG
 - Film: *The Mask of Zorro* (1998). Rated PG-13.
- Korea**
- Book: *A Necessary Roughness*, by Marie G. Lee (Easy) MG
 - Film: *Remember the Titans* (2001). Rated PG.
- Japan**
- Book: *Across the Nightingale Floor*, by Lian Hearn. UG
 - Book: *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*, by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler (Easy Option). UG
 - Book: *Samurai Shortstop*, by Alan Gratz MG
 - Film: *Seven Samurai* (1954). Not Rated
- Greek Mythology**
- Book: *The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan (Easy Option) MG or other other books from the series: *Sea of Monsters*, *Titan's Curse*, *Battle of the Labyrinth* or *The Last Olympian*.
 - Book: *The Odyssey*, by Homer (Challenge Option) UG

- ❑ Film: *Hercules* (Disney 2000). Rated G.
- ❑ Film: *Jason and the Argonauts* (2000). Not Rated.

ELL/IEP List

This summer, we would like you to read one of the books on the list for your summer reading requirement. These books have been selected because they are of high interest to teens. Please choose a book that matches your interest and your reading level (RL = reading level). As you read the book, fill out the attached Reader's Response on the book. This is due the FIRST day of school when you return in the fall!

You are also welcome to complete the summer reading requirement for your grade level instead. This is a decision that you can make with your parents and/or your English teacher.

Book Choices

The Circuit, by Francisco Jimenez (RL 5.3). Explores a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps, facing poverty and impermanence, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back-breaking work.

Breaking Through, by Francisco Jimenez (Reading Level 5.7). Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education. Sequel to *The Circuit*.

Camp Wild, by Pam Withers (RL 4.9). Wilf figures that he is too old for summer camp, but he thinks he has just what it takes to plot his escape from the camp to which his parents send him when they can't supervise him because they have to work.

Chat Room, by Kristin Butcher (RL 4.2). When her high school sets up online chat rooms, Linda participates in online conversations with a student using the name Cyrano. Linda soon starts receiving gifts from "C," a secret admirer. Linda is certain that her life has taken a turn for the better until "C" reveals his true identity.

Crossing the Wire, by Will Hobbs (RL 4.3). Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.

Cruise Control, by Terry Trueman (RL 5.1). A talented basketball player struggles to deal with the helplessness and anger that come with having a brother rendered completely dysfunctional by severe cerebral palsy and a father who deserted the family. (Upper Grades)

Death Wind, by William Bell (RL 4.1). Loaded down with many problems, Allie decides to run away with Razz, her skateboarding pal, but she gets a different perspective on her life and future when a tornado hits. (Upper Grades)

Dog Walker, by Karen Spafford-Fitz (RL 3). Turk, in need of money but not really wanting to work, notices that girls love dogs, so he starts a dog-walking business, recruiting friends to do the actual work with the side benefit of meeting girls. However, his whole scheme is threatened by Chuck, the school tough guy.

Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey, by Margaret Haddix. (RL 4.9). In the journal she is keeping for English class, sixteen-year-old Tish chronicles the changes in her life when her abusive father returns home after a two-year absence.

Flower Power, by Ann Walsh (RL 3.7). When Callie Flower's Mom chains herself to the large maple tree in their neighbor's yard, Callie experiences media attention first-hand and learns about the power of demonstrations.

Home Invasion, by Monique Polak (RL 4.4). While a home invader terrorizes the city, Josh finds himself sneaking into other people's houses. He finds the adrenaline rush helps him forget about his embarrassing new stepfather. (Upper Grades)

Inside Out, by Terry Trueman (RL 4.6). A sixteen-year-old with schizophrenia is caught up in the events surrounding an attempted robbery by two other teens who eventually hold him hostage. (Upper Grades)

Invisible, by Pete Hautman (RL 4.6). Doug and Andy are unlikely best friends—one a loner obsessed by his model trains, the other a popular student involved in football and theater—who grew up together and share a bond that nothing can sever.

Juice, by Eric Walters (RL 3.9). When a division one coach comes to their smaller school to bring the football program up to contender status in the larger division, Moose and his teammates are pumped. Coach Barnes has a new training regimen, a new trainer, and protein drinks from a secret recipe. Everything seems to be on a winning track, until Moose and his teammates are offered steroids. (Upper Grades)

Laggan Lard Butts, by Eric Walters (RL 3.9). Sam Campbell, a member of the Laggan Lairds loving basketball team, suggests the team change its name to the Laggan Lard Butts, and soon the entire school is caught up in the political process to nominate the change and run the election.

The Lightning Thief, by Rick Riordan (RL 4.7). After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

Peak Survival, by Pam Withers (RL 6). Jake, Peter and Moses are looking forward to heli-skiing and snowboarding in the backcountry, while they practice their camping and survival skills. However, before they can set up their camp, they witness another helicopter crash. In the stormy weather and avalanche conditions, it's up to the three boys to rescue any survivors.

Queen of the Toilet Bowl, by Frieda Wishinsky (RL 3.7). Since immigrating from Brazil, Renata has kept a low profile to avoid being a bullying victim. Now her best friend Liz wants her to tryout for the school musical, but a jealous student treats her disrespectfully and uses the Internet to make sure that everyone knows that Renata's mother is a "lowly" cleaning lady. (Upper Grades)

Rash, by Pete Hautman (RL 4.7). In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger management problems land him in a jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork.

Red Midnight, by Ben Mikaelson (RL 4.3). After soldiers kill his family, twelve-year-old Santiago and his four-year-old sister flee Guatemala in a kayak and try to reach the United States.

Red Sea, by Diane Tullson (RL 5.1). Libby is continually unhappy with her mother and stepfather, but she is extremely miserable and discontented when they take her away from home to sail from Australia to Tel Aviv and then through the Red Sea and Suez Canal to the Mediterranean. After Libby deliberately makes them late for their departure with their flotilla group, they sail alone in an attempt to catch up with their friends. However, modern-day pirates overtake them, and when her stepfather is murdered, Libby and her mother must survive all alone in the Red Sea. (Upper Grades)

Refuge Cover, by Lesley Choyce (RL 3.8). Greg, having just moved to Deep Cover with his mother following the sudden death of his dad, discovers sailing, finds friends and also a new purpose in life when he rescues a family of refugees who have come to Canada from Asia. (Upper Grades)

The Rifle, by Gary Paulsen (RL 6.8). A priceless, handcrafted rifle, carried throughout the American Revolution, is passed down through the years until it fires on the fateful Christmas Eve of 1994. (Upper Grades)

Sewer Rats, by Sigmund Brouwer (RL 3.5). A group known as Sewer Rats take up the challenge of an underground game of paintball.

Skater Stuntboys, by Pam Withers. Jake and Peter must find out who is sabotaging their attempt to work on a movie set as skateboarding stunt boys.

Snitch, by Norah McClintock (RL 3.7). After his best friend snitches on him, Josh must learn to control his anger. His options are an anger management class or a dog training program. (Upper Grades)

Something Girl, by Beth Goobie (RL 3.6). Sophie lives in constant fear of her father, who beats her on a regular basis, until the day the abuse is so severe it sends her to the hospital. (Upper Grades)

Spoiled Rotten, by Dayle Campbell Gaetz (RL 3.5). When Jessica's Dad remarries she has to join her new family on a boat trip on her step-mother's boat, but it's the day hike with her stepsister that changes her outlook on her new family.

Stuck in Neutral, by Terry Trueman (RL 5.7). Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him. (Upper Grades)

Stuffed, by Eric Walters (RL 4.3). Concerned about the effects of eating fast-foods, Ian begins a campaign to make everyone stop eating at the local hand-out, but when legal action is taken against the protestors, Ian must stand steadfast in his beliefs while convincing his nervous classmates to do the same. (Upper Grades)

Sudden Impact, by Lesley Choyce (RL 3.9). Kurt and Jason are enemies at school and even during soccer practice, but during soccer games they work together like the best of brothers. When Kurt is hospitalized with a deadly health problem, events take a surprising twist.

Surf Zone, by Pam Withers (RL 5.8). While working a kayaking guides, Jake and Peter usually fill their free time with surfing, but during a free weekend, they join a scuba-diving excursion on the Pacific. Unfortunately, a scuba-diving mishap leaves them on a deserted island as a storm is approaching. The boys need to brave the elements and use all of their survival techniques to get home in one piece.

Wired, by Sigmund Brouwer (RL 3.7). Keegan is skiing as fast as he ever has, and has a chance to finish in first place until he sees the black wire stretched between two trees in his path.