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*When you motivate your child to read, you also motivate him/her to learn.
Reading is the foundation of a successful education.
Children improve this all-important activity by . . .
reading, reading, and reading some more!*

Notice to Parents of New Kindergarten – Grade 4 Children

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to our Summer Reading Program. Reading is a most important and rewarding activity that directly correlates with a student's academic success. Therefore, we are asking all children to participate in our program by reading three (3) or more books this summer, including (1) non-fiction selection. Parents of Kindergarten children (or pre-readers), may read the 3 books to their child.

You and your child can select any book; however, one must be a non-fiction selection. We have compiled a list of suggested authors to help children and parents select summer reading books appropriate to their grade level. Please help your child get off to a good start! Below please find some helpful suggestions to assist you in motivating your child to participate:

- ◆ Choose books on topic that your child enjoys. Take him/her to the public library frequently.
- ◆ Children are naturally curious. Allow them to ask lots of questions about the story you are reading.
- ◆ Ask your child questions about the book he/she is reading:
 - What do you think will happen next?
 - What character did you like the most?
 - What does your favorite character look like?
 - Did you like the story? Why or why not?
 - Can you tell me one thing that happened in the story?
- ◆ Encourage your child to vary his/her selection – don't have them read the same type of book each time. Again, vary his/her selection (poetry, picture, non-fiction, etc).

Please help your child complete the non-fiction book summary, fill out the attached reading log, and initial in the right-hand column. Extra materials and additional information about the Summer Reading Program are available in the Curriculum Office, 139 Pleasant Street, on-line at www.tewksbury.k12.ma.us and at the Tewksbury Public Library. Please see other side for Tewksbury Public Library Summer Reading Club information.

In the fall, teachers will collect the non-fiction summary forms and logs. Students who meet all the summer reading requirements will receive a certificate of participation. Most of all, students who consistently read throughout the summer, will be better prepared for a successful school year.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance with our Summer Reading Program.

Happy Summer Reading!

TPS Mission Statement:

To educate and challenge all learners in the Tewksbury Public School Community while supporting their development as well prepared and productive members of a diverse global society.

Join the Summer Reading Club at the Tewksbury Public Library!

Get prizes for reading all summer.

**"Building a Better World" with crafts, book discussion groups
and special events throughout the summer.**

It's easy to sign up!

- 1. Bring your summer reading packet to the Children's Room desk beginning Monday, June 26th to sign up, or you may sign up on-line by visiting our website www.tewksburypl.org/.**
- 2. Read! Write down the titles and authors of the books you have read on the lines inside the packet.**
- 3. During the summer, bring your folder back to the library as often as you like to have your books checked off. The more you read, the more prizes you'll get!**
- 4. The Summer Reading Club ends on August 11th with a party. At this time, Summer Reading Club participants can pick up their certificate and even MORE prizes.**
- 5. The last official day for the Summer Reading Club is Friday, August 11th.**

Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Author List

Entering Kindergarten

Picture Book Authors

Brett, Jan
Brown, Marc
Capucilli, Alyssa
Crews, Donald
Dunrea, Oliver
Ehlert, Lois
Emberley, Ed
Fleming, Denise
Fox, Mem
Gorbachev, Valeri
Hest, Amy
Hill, Eric
Johnson, Crockett
Kasza, Keiko
Keats, Ezra Jack
Martin, Jr., Bill
Numeroff, Laura
Patricelli, Leslie
Pinkney, Jerry
Poydar, Nancy
Rey, H. A. & Margaret
Seuss, Dr.
Shannon, David
Slate, Joseph
Tafari, Nancy
Thomas, Jan
Van Leeuwen, Jean
Viorist, Judith
Wells, Rosemary
Willems, Mo
Wilson, Karma
Wood, Audrey & Don

Easy Reader Authors

Brown, Marc
Capucilli, Alyssa
Hoban, Lillian
LeSieg, Theo
Rylant, Cynthia
Seuss, Dr.
Willems, Mo

Non-Fiction Authors

Aliki
dePaola, Tomie (science, animals)
Frost, Helen (nature, science)
Gibbons, Gail
Pallotta, Jerry (nature)
Schwartz, David (math)
Showers, Paul (human body)

Please add any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning titles, myths, folk tales, fairy tales, Bible stories as literature, nursery rhymes and poetry.

**TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM

BOOK REPORTING FORM – KINDERGARTEN

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>DATE COMPLETED</u>	<u>PARENT'S INITIALS</u>
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2.			
3.			

(Student's Signature)

(Parent's Signature)

To be returned on the first day of school year to your new teacher.

Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Author List

Entering 1st Grade

Picture Book Authors

Bemelmans, Ludwig
Cronin, Doreen
dePaola, Tomie
Falconer, Ian
Fleming, Candace
Fleming, Denise
Gorbachev, Valeri
Henkes, Kevin
Kasza, Keiko
McCloskey, Robert
Munsch, Robert
Patricelli, Leslie
Rey, H. A. & Margaret
Rockwell, Anne
Sendak, Maurice
Seuss, Dr.
Shannon, David
Thomas, Jan
Van Leeuwen, Jean
Wells, Rosemary
Willems, Mo
Wilson, Karma

Easy Reader Authors

Arnold, Tedd
Eastman, P.D.
Minarik, Else
Parish, Peggy
Ruelle, Karen
Seuss, Dr.
Van Leeuwen, Jean
Wells, Rosemary
Willems, Mo

Non-Fiction Authors

Aliki
dePaola, Tomie (science, animals)
Frost, Helen (science, nature)
Gibbons, Gail
Pallotta, Jerry (nature)
Schwartz, David (math)
Selsam, Millicent (science)
Tang, Gregory (math)
Tavares, Matt (sports biographies)

Please add any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning titles, myths, folk tales, fairy tales, Bible stories as literature, nursery rhymes and poetry.

Student's Name: _____ (Please Print)

School: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Total # of Books Read: _____ Total # of Days Read: _____

Date	Title	Author	Parent Initials
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Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Author List

Entering 2nd Grade

Picture Book Authors

Bruel, Nick
Burningham, John
Clements, Andrew
Cronin, Doreen
dePaola, Tomie
Gravett, Emily
Hoban, Russell & Lillian
Kellogg, Steven
McCloskey, Robert
McPhail, David
Munsch, Robert
O'Connor, Jane
Pulver, Robin
Schachner, Judy
Shea, Bob
Steig, William
Stevens, Janet
Van Leeuwen, Jean
Willems, Mo
Williams, Vera
Young, Ed

Easy Reader Authors

Adler, David
Cosby, Bill
Danziger, Paula
Hoban, Russell & Lillian
Lobel, Arnold
Marshall, James
Thiesing, Lisa
Rylant, Cynthia
Sharmat, Marjorie

Non-Fiction Authors

Arnosky, Jim (nature, animals)
Cohen, Daniel (dinosaurs)
dePaola, Tomie (science)
Floca, Brian (vehicles, space)
Gibbons, Gail
Krull, Kathleen (biographies)
Pallotta, Jerry (nature)
Tang, Gregory (math)
Tavares, Matt (sports biographies)

Please add any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning titles, myths, folk tales, fairy tales, Bible stories as literature, nursery rhymes and poetry.

Student's Name: _____ (Please Print)

School: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Total # of Books Read: _____ Total # of Days Read: _____

Date	Title	Author	Parent Initials
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Parent's Signature

Student's Signature

Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Author List

Entering 3rd Grade

Fiction (Chapter Book) Authors

Brown, Jeff
Cameron, Ann
Christopher, Matt
Cleary, Beverly
Clements, Andrew
Danziger, Paula
Duffey, Betsy
Hurwitz, Johanna
Kerrin, Jessica Scott
McKissack, Patricia
Nolan, Lucy
Sachar, Louis
White, E.B.

Series Fiction

A to Z Mysteries (Ron Roy)
Calendar Mysteries (Ron Roy)
Capitol Mysteries (Ron Roy)
Horrible Harry & Song Lee (Suzy Kline)
Judy Moody & Stink (Megan McDonald)
My America (various authors)

Easy Reader Authors

DiCamillo, Kate
Howe, James
Rylant, Cynthia
Sharmat, Marjorie
Yolen, Jane

Picture Book Authors

Bruel, Nick
Kellogg, Steven
Polacco, Patricia
Pulver, Robin
Stevens, Janet
Van Allsburg, Chris

Non Fiction Authors

Adler, David (biographies)
Bishop, Nic (nature)
Christopher, Matt (sports biographies)
Cole, Joanna (history, science, nature)
Curlee, Lynn (history)
Lauber, Patricia
Markle, Sandra (nature)
Osborne, Mary Pope (science, history, nature)
Simon, Seymour (science, space)
St. George, Judith (biographies)
Who Was biography series

Folk Tale and Poetry Authors

Florian, Doug (poetry)
Galdone, Paul (fairy tales)
Goble, Paul (folk tales)
Kellogg, Steven (folk tales)
McDermott, Gerald (folk tales)
Prelutsky, Jack (poetry)
Silverstein, Shel (poetry)
Yolen, Jane (poetry)
Zemach, Margot & Herve (folk tales)

Please add any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning titles, myths, folk tales, fairy tales, Bible stories as literature, nursery rhymes and poetry.

Name _____

Book Report: Non-Fiction Grade 3 and 4 Book Summary



Title _____

Author _____



What type of information is contained in this book?



Did you find the book interesting? Why or why not?

Write 5 interesting facts that you've learned.



Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Author List

Entering 4th Grade

Fiction (Chapter Book) Authors

Angleberger, Tom
Bauer, Marion Dane
Black, Holly
Cleary, Beverly
Clements, Andrew
Coville, Bruce
DiTerlizzi, Tony
Harper, Cherise
Henry, Marguerite
Hicks, Betty
Howe, James
King-Smith, Dick
MacLachlan, Patricia
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Pinkwater, Daniel
Sachar, Louis
Spinelli, Jerry
Wallace, Rich
White, E.B.

Series Fiction

Amelia's Notebook (Marissa Moss)
Dear America (various authors)
Little House on the Prairie (Laura Ingalls Wilder)
My America (various authors)
My Name is America (various authors)
Time Warp Trio (Jon Scieszka)

Non Fiction Authors

Adler, David (biographies)
American Girl Library titles
Bishop, Nic (nature)
Cole, Joanna (history, science, nature)
Curlee, Lynn (history)
Fritz, Jean (biographies)
Macaulay, David (buildings, science)
Maestro, Betsy (history)
Markle, Sandra (nature)
Osborne, Mary Pope (science, history, nature)
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw (nature)
St. George, Judith (biographies)
Stein, R. Conrad (history)
In Their Own Words biography series

Poetry Authors

Frost, Robert
Hughes, Langston
Livingston, Myra Cohn
Yolen, Jane

Please add any Caldecott or Newbery Award winning titles, myths, folk tales, fairy tales, Bible stories as literature, nursery rhymes and poetry.

Name _____

Book Report: Non-Fiction Grade 3 and 4 Book Summary



Title

Author



What type of information is contained in this book?



Did you find the book interesting? Why or why not?

Write 5 interesting facts that you've learned.



Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?



Dear Parents/Guardians of children entering grades 5 and 6 at the Ryan School:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Summer Reading Program! Reading is a key to success in academics. Studies show that the amount of time that students spend in independent reading is the best predictor of reading achievement. A summer slide is inevitable but it can be minimized by ensuring that your child read throughout the summer months. We are requiring all students to read **three (3) or more books**. One book must be fiction and one book must be nonfiction. We have provided a recommended list. They may choose from this list or choose their own as long as it is appropriate to their level.

Please help your child complete their "Summer Reading Log" and the required reports included in this packet. One of the reports is for their fiction selection and the other is for their nonfiction selection. The log and both reports will be collected by your child's reading teacher when they resume school in late August. The system-wide deadline for the log and reports will be Friday, September 8, 2017.

Students may read, earn prizes and have fun by joining the Tewksbury Public Library's Summer Reading Club! Sign up is free and starts in June. Visit the library or sign up online at www.tewksburypl.org.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support of the Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading program!

John F. Ryan School Reading Teachers

Mrs. Stone
Mrs. Zullo

Grade 5
Grade 5

Mrs. Curley
Mrs. MacMullin

Grade 6
Grade 6

Name: _____



John F. Ryan Elementary School

Summer Reading Log 2017

Please list all of the books that you have read this summer. Remember - a minimum of three is required.

Title

Author

[illegible]

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name _____

Story Mapping

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The diagram is a story mapping tool. It features a central box labeled "Title/Author". Seven lines radiate from this central box to seven surrounding boxes, each containing a question. The boxes are arranged in two columns: three on the left and four on the right.

Left Column Questions:

- Who are the important characters in the story?
- What is the setting of the story?
- What is the problem in the story?

Right Column Questions:

- Who is your favorite character and why?
- What is the plot of the story?
- What is the theme of the story?
- What is another way the problem could have been solved?

Name _____

Date _____

Reading Assignment _____

Movie Poster

Directions: Imagine that the piece you just read is going to be turned into a movie. Create a movie poster that will make people want to see the movie! How will you depict the main idea in the poster? What roles would be needed in the movie and what popular actor/actress would play each role? Use words, drawings, quotes, and color to complete your poster.

Name: _____

Book Title: _____

3 Facts I learned from my book are

1. _____

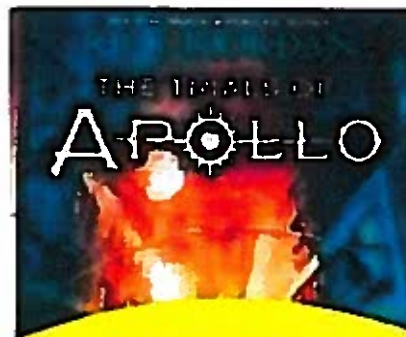
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3. _____

Draw a picture to show the topic of your book

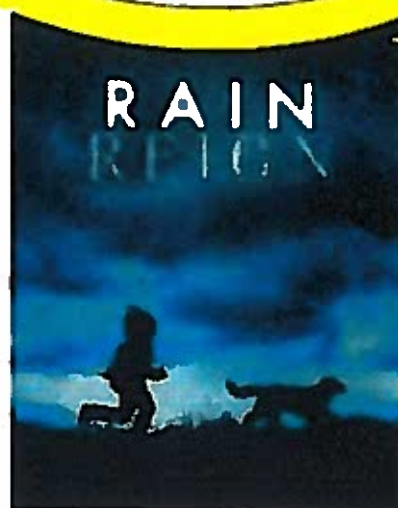
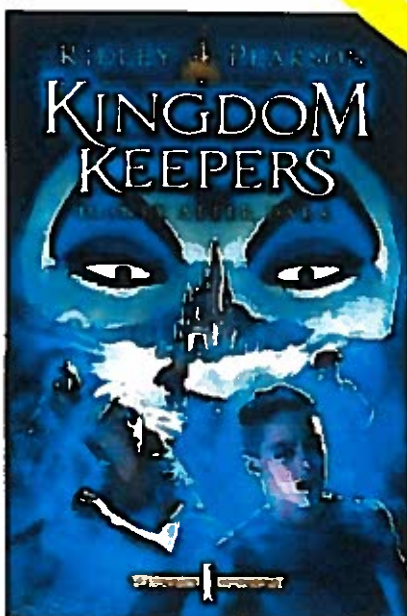
The topic of my book is

Write an opinion about your book



Best Summer Reads for...

- a day at the beach
- by the pool
- a rainy day
- on vacation
- eating ice cream
- or
- staying up past your bedtime



**5th & 6th Grade
Reading List**

**John F. Ryan
School**

Suggested Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grades 5 and 6 John F. Ryan Elementary School

Fiction



The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

"With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. Cuz tonight I'm delivering," announces dread-locked, 12-year old Josh Bell. He and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood, he's got mad beats, too, that tell his family's story in verse, in this fast and furious middle grade novel of family and brotherhood from Kwame Alexander.



Never Mind: a Twin Novel by Avi

Twelve-year-old twins Meg and Edward have nothing in common, so they are shocked when Meg's hopes for popularity and Edward's mischievous schemes coincidentally collide.



The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett and Jory John

Miles Murphy is not happy to be moving to Yawnee Valley, a sleepy town that's famous for one thing and one thing only: cows. In his old school, everyone knew him as the town's best prankster, but Miles quickly discovers that Yawnee Valley already has a prankster, and a great one. If Miles is going to take the title from this mystery kid, he is going to have to raise his game



The Potato Chip Puzzles by Eric Berlin

When a local potato chip tycoon invites area kids to an all-day puzzle hunt, Winston Breen is psyched. But it turns out the day is not all fun and games. Their teacher is being overly competitive, the puzzles are hard (even for Winston), and someone in the contest is playing dirty in order to win the

fifty-thousand-dollar grand prize!



Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea

Seven fifth graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by rookie teacher Mr. Terupt.



The School Story by Andrew Clements

After twelve-year-old Natalie writes a wonderful novella, her friend Zoe helps her devise a scheme to get it accepted at the publishing house where Natalie's mother works as an editor.



Replay by Sharon Creech

While preparing for a role in the school play, twelve-year-old Leo finds an autobiography that his father wrote as a teenager and learns about the ways people change as they grow up.



The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd

Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye. Once it completed its rotation, everyone trooped off—except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air?



Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



The Mother-Daughter Book Club by Heather Vogel Frederick

When the mothers of four sixth grade girls with very different personalities pressure them into forming a book club, they find that they have much more in common than they imagined.



Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention and controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off.



Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes

On a summer visit to her grandmother's cottage, Martha learns to deal with the death of a classmate, her relationship with her family, her feelings for a boy, and her plans to be a writer.



The Misfits by James Howe

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.



No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman

Eighth grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where he becomes involved in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but also his life.



Jessica Darling's It List by Megan McCafferty

The day before seventh grade begins, Jessica Darling gets a list of tips from her sister, whose popularity and beauty made her a junior-high standout. But when she tries to follow it, everything goes awry.



The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron

Lucky knows about the uncertainty of life because she lost her mother two years ago. When she thinks that her guardian plans to leave, Lucky knows that she has hit rock bottom and must run away.



I Funny by James Patterson

Resolving to become the world's greatest stand-up comedian despite less-than-funny challenges in his life, wheelchair-bound middle school student Jamie Grimm endures bullying from his mean-spirited cousin and hopes he will be judged fairly when he enters a local comedy contest.



Bystander by James Preller

When Eric is befriended by the bully at his new school, he must choose between being a bystander to Griff's bullying, or become the target himself.



The Trials of Apollo, Book 1: The Hidden Oracle by Rick Riordan

How do you punish an immortal? By making him human. After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a regular teenage boy. Now, without his godly powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn how to survive in the modern world until he can somehow find a way to regain Zeus's favor.



Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree by Lauren Tarshis

A quirky and utterly logical seventh grade girl named Emma-Jean Lazarus discovers some interesting results when she gets involved in the messy everyday problems of her peers.



Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.



The Big Time by Tim Green

Things couldn't be going better for Troy White. The Atlanta Falcons' football genius is at the top of his game, helping the team get to the playoffs. While Troy

celebrates with his friends, another lawyer comes knocking—but this says, “I think I’m your father.”



Saving the Team by Alex Morgan

Twelve-year-old Devin loves to play soccer. If she hadn’t just left Connecticut to move across the country, she would have been named seventh grade captain on her school soccer team. But now that Devin is starting seventh grade in Kentville, California, all bets are off.



Out at Home by Cal Ripken Jr

Mickey Labriogla is the best catcher in the league. He's got a cannon for an arm, calls a great game, and blocks the plate like a bulldozer with shin guards. But when a hotshot new pitcher joins the Dulaney Orioles, Mickey wonders if it isn't time to find another position—or maybe another team.



H.I.V.E. – Higher Institute of Villainous Education by Mark Walden

Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E



Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko

Twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment, in addition to life with his autistic sister.



The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine

In 1958, Little Rock, Arkansas, painfully shy twelve-year-old Mariee sees her city and family divided over school integration, but her friendship with Liz, a new student, helps her find her voice and fight against racism.



Lyddie by Katherine Patterson

Lyddie and her brother are hired out as servants to pay their family's debts. In Lowell, Massachusetts, she finds to find a job that will pay enough to clear the debts and allow the family to be reunited.



A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

During the recession of 1937, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice is sent to live with her feisty grandmother in rural Illinois and grows to understand this fearsome woman.

(Sequel to A Long Way from Chicago)



Elephant Run by Roland Smith

Nick endures a lot after his father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941. When Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a millionaire, a genius-and, above all, a criminal mastermind. But even Artemis does not know what he has taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. He thinks he has them right where he wants them, but then they stop playing by the rules.



Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

When Gregor and his two-year-old sister fall into an underground world, there is an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, spiders, and a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.



The Dark Is Rising by Susan Cooper

On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical signs that will enable them to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.



The Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by the Battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.



The Storm in the Barn by Matt Phelan.

Eleven-year-old Jack faces local bullies, crippling dust storms, his sick sister, and despairing townspeople in a small Oklahoma town.



The Capture by Kathryn Lasky.

When Soren is pushed from his family's nest, he is rescued from death by agents from a mysterious school for orphaned owls, St. Aggie's. When Soren

arrives at St. Aggie's, he suspects there is more to the school than meets the eye.



Mister Monday by Garth Nix

Although Arthur is supposed to die, he is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock. Now Mister Monday and his bizarre creatures will stop at nothing to get the key.



First Test by Tamora Pierce

Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.



Magyk by Angie Sage.

After learning that she is a princess, Jenna is whisked from her home and carried toward safety by the Extraordinary Wizard and a young guard.



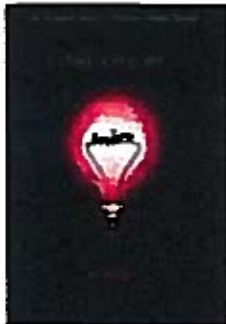
Fires of Invention by J. Scott Savage

Trenton Colman is a creative thirteen-year-old boy with a knack for all things mechanical. But his talents are viewed with suspicion in Cove, a steam-powered city built inside a mountain. Kallista Babbage is a repair technician and daughter of the notorious Leo Babbage, who blew up part of Cove by 'being creative'.



Out from Boneville by Jeff Smith

When the cousins, Fone, Phoney and Smiley Bone find themselves mysteriously trapped in a wonderful but often terrifying land filled with secrets, danger, and special new friendships. They are soon caught up in adventures beyond their wildest dreams.



City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

When Lina finds part of an ancient message she and her friend Doon are sure it holds a secret that will save the underground city of Ember.



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager—which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.



The Hypnotists by Gordon Korman

Is it a gift...or is it a curse? Jax Opus can use his color-changing eyes to make people do things they don't want to do. At first, Jax doesn't know what he's doing -- temporarily hypnotizing friends, foes, and strangers. But then his power pushes things way too far, and his secret is not a secret any longer.

Disney After Dark by Ridley Pearson

Finn Whitman is hired to be hologramed as a Disney World park "guide" but soon finds himself being transported into the Magic Kingdom in the dead of night to help fight a group of Disney villains, led by Maleficent, who want to take Disney World—and maybe more.



Doll Bones by Holly Black

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.



Haunted Sister by Lael Little

A sixteen-year-old girl suffers a near-death experience in which her twin sister, who died in an accident twelve years before, returns to forcibly share her body.



Zombie Kid by Scott Savage

The plans of monster enthusiasts Nick, Carter, and Angelo are thrown into turmoil when a magical amulet acquired from Nick's voodoo queen aunt turns Nick into a zombie, and prompts an uproarious effort to break the curse.



Witherwood Reform School by Obert Skye

After a slight misunderstanding involving a horrible governess, oatmeal, and a jar of tadpoles, siblings Tobias and Charlotte Eggars find themselves abandoned by their father at the gates of a creepy reform school.



The Screaming Staircase by Jonathan Stroud

Three young operatives of a Psychic Detection Agency battle an epidemic of ghosts in London.



Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

This is a Newbery Medal winning story of a 12 year old girl who lives alone on a Pacific island after she leaps from a rescue ship. Isolated on the island for 18 years, Karana forages for food, builds weapons to fight predators, and finds strength and peace in her seclusion. It is a classic tale of discovery and solitude.



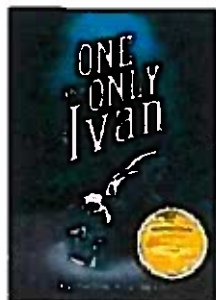
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

As the German troops begin their campaign to "relocate" all the Jews of Denmark, Annemarie Johansen's family takes in Annemarie's best friend, Ellen Rosen, and conceals her as part of the family. The heroism of an entire nation reminds us that there was pride and human decency in the world even during a time of terror and war.



Ghost Buddy #1: Zero to Hero by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

The authors of the Hank Zipzer books have written this hilarious series! Billy Broccoli is new to the neighborhood and has to deal with an obnoxious school bully. Will a funny ghost be able to help Billy succeed in life?



The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Winner of the 2013 Newbery Medal and a #1 New York Times bestseller, this stirring and unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendships. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated novel is told from the point-of-view of Ivan himself.



Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

In the Valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man on the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man on the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune.



Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

The author of the beloved *One for the Murphys* gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. "Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid."



Ungifted by Gordon Korman

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Gordon Korman comes a hilarious and heartfelt novel in which one middle-school troublemaker accidentally moves into the gifted and talented program—and changes everything. For fans of Louis Sachar and Jack Gantos, this funny and touching underdog story is a lovable and goofy adventure with robot fights, middle-school dances, live experiments, and statue-toppling pranks!



The Eleventh Plague by Jeff Hirsch

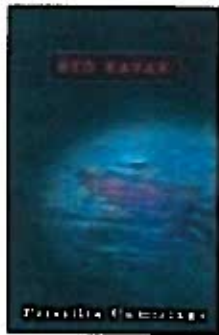
In the aftermath of a war, America's landscape has been ravaged and two thirds of the population left dead from a vicious strain of influenza. Fifteen-year-old Stephen Quinn and his family were among the few that survived and became salvagers, roaming the country in search of material to trade for food and other items essential for survival.



The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen Winner of the 2012 Schneider Family Book Award

Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She's not comforted by the news that she'll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run? As she struggles to cope with crutches and a first cyborg-like prosthetic, Jessica feels oddly both in the spotlight and invisible. People who don't know what to say, act like she's not there. Which she could handle better if she weren't now keenly aware that she'd done the same thing herself to a girl

with CP named Rosa. A girl who is going to tutor her through all the math she's missed. A girl who sees right into the heart of her.



The Red Kayak by Patricia Cummings

Brady is the son of a Chesapeake Bay waterman. He loved the Corsica River where he and his family fish for crabs. A new family, the DiAngelos moves in next door to Brady's family. They are one of the more well off families that recently moved into the neighborhood. One day, Brady and his friends see the red kayak owned by the DiAngelos heading into the river. Brady is uneasy because he felt that it could be dangerous to be out on the river during that time because of the tides and the wind. Brady implores his

friends to join him in yelling out a warning but his friends ignore him. Will the DiAngelos make it back safe?



The Raft by S.A. Bodeen

Robie is an experienced traveler. She's taken the flight from Honolulu to the Midway Atoll, a group of Pacific islands where her parents live, many times. She knows the pilot, but on this flight, there's a new co-pilot named Max. All systems are go until a storm hits during the flight. The only passenger, Robie doesn't panic until the engine suddenly cuts out and Max shouts at her to put on a life jacket. And then ... she's in the water. Fighting for her life. Max pulls her onto the raft. They have no water. Their only food is a bag of Skittles. There are sharks. There is an island. But there's no sign of help on the way.



Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Rose Howard is obsessed with homonyms. She's thrilled that her own name is a homonym, and she purposely gave her dog Rain a name with two homonyms (Reign, Rein), which, according to Rose's rules of homonyms, is very special. Not everyone understands Rose's obsessions, her rules, and the other things that make her different - not her teachers, not other kids, and not her single father.

When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rain goes missing. Hearts will break and spirits will soar for this powerful story, brilliantly told from Rose's point of view.

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa de los Santos and David



TeagueThirteen-year-old Margaret knows her father is innocent, but that doesn't stop the cruel Judge Biggs from sentencing him to death. Margaret is determined to save her dad, even if it means using her family's secret—and forbidden—ability to time travel. With the help of her best friend, Charlie, and his grandpa Josh, Margaret goes back to a time when Judge Biggs was a young boy and tries to prevent the chain of events that transformed him into a corrupt, jaded man. But with the forces of history working against her, will Margaret be able to change the past? Or will she be pushed back to a

present in which her father is still doomed? Told in alternating voices between Margaret and Josh, this heartwarming story shows that sometimes the forces of good need a little extra help to triumph over the forces of evil.



Treasure Hunters (Treasure Hunters Series #1) by James Patterson, Chris Grabenstein, Mark Shulman (With) Juliana Neufeld (Illustrator)

From the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life* and *I Funny* comes a brilliantly original new adventure series, jam-packed with action, humor, and heart! The Kidd siblings have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and traveling the world, helping their famous parents recover everything from swords to gold doubloons from the bottom of the ocean.

But after their parents mysteriously disappear, the kids are suddenly thrust into the biggest treasure hunt of their lives. They'll have to work together to defeat dangerous pirates and dodge the hot pursuit by an evil treasure hunting rival, all while following cryptic clues to unravel the mystery of what really happened to their parents--and find out if they're still alive.



Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo

Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, depends on her. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, she has to contend with Louisiana Elefante, who has a show-business background, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches,

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June, 2017

Dear Parents:

Attached please find the Wynn Middle School seventh grade summer reading list and character analysis template. Teachers expect each student to read a minimum of one book over the summer. The list is comprised of books that are appropriate for your child's age, grade level, and curriculum. Please contact your child's English teacher before June 16 if you believe he or she will need to be directed to an accommodated version or alternate book. Books should be available at the town library as well as local bookstores.

The character analysis templates will be due upon return to school in late August. The final date for passing in reports will be **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**. The assignment your child completes will be used in class to write an essay. This essay will be the first grade in this subject for the school year.

The ability to read is crucial to an individual's success in school and on the job. Reading is a life-long skill that opens doors and experiences to children. The English Department recommends you help your child discover books of interest, as avid readers make skilled writers and critical thinkers.

We would like to say thank you in advance for your support of this program. Remember, **one book by September 5th**. Your child's teachers look forward to discussing the adventures experienced through reading upon return to school. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,


John Weir
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Attachments

Please choose one book from the following list. Any book from the series is acceptable.



***The Maze Runner* by James Dashner**

Thomas, a teenage boy, is trapped in a maze with no memories. He must work with other boys to solve the mystery of the maze before time runs out, and they meet a terrible fate.



***Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins**

In this futuristic tale, Katniss Everdeen lives in a society that forces its districts to send two young people to compete for their lives in a televised game. This story of her struggle to survive is full of action and suspense.



***Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix**

This science fiction tale is the first book in *The Missing* series. Jonah is an adolescent boy who always knew he was adopted. Then he and his new friend, Chip, who's also adopted, begin receiving mysterious letters that tell them they are "one of the missing." The children become involved in a mystery that involves the FBI, a complicated smuggling operation, and people who can appear and disappear when they choose.



***Maximum Ride* by James Patterson**

This is a story of a group of children who possess wings and can fly. Maximum Ride looks out for the rest of her "flock," and protects them from the "Erasers," a group of assassins ordered to kill the flock so the world will never find out about their existence.



***The Uglies* by Scott Westerfield**

This is a futuristic tale about a society that views its youth as ugly until they turn sixteen and undergo an operation that makes them "pretty." Tally Youngblood has looked forward to becoming a "pretty" throughout her entire ugly childhood, but her world is turned upside down when she meets Shay, another ugly that dares to question the system. Now Tally is forced to make a difficult decision that will not only impact the rest of her life, but the lives of her new friends as well.



***Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson**

This historical fiction novel tells the story of Isabel, a young girl living as a slave in New York during the Revolutionary War. Her quest to gain freedom leads her to become a spy for the Patriots.



***Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Bruchac**

The Navajo code talkers sent messages using their native language to create an unbreakable code during the war with Japan. This novel tells the story of one Navajo boy's inspiring journey as he overcomes many obstacles and saves many American lives in the process.

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Author: _____

Title: _____

I Main Character/Protagonist

A. Another name for the main character of a novel is the protagonist. The protagonist of the novel is _____.

B. Character traits are qualities that can be used to describe a character's personality. A list of character traits has been provided to help you. List three character traits of the protagonist of the novel.

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

II Character Traits of the Protagonist

A. Write the corresponding trait from above after each number. Then find a quote from the novel that shows or proves that the character possesses that trait and write in the space provided. Include the page number in the parentheses. *Remember that a quote consists of the exact words of the author. It can include description, words the character speaks, thoughts of the character, actions performed by the character, and words other characters say about the character.*

1) _____ (Character Trait)

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_____ " ().

2) _____ (Character Trait)

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_____ " ().

3) _____ (Character Trait)

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III Conflict

A. What is the problem or conflict that the protagonist faces?

B. How is the conflict resolved?

C. Think about the character traits you chose to describe the protagonist on the previous page. Explain how these traits affect how the conflict is resolved.

1) _____ (Character Trait)

2) _____ (Character Trait)

3) _____ (Character Trait)

IV Evaluate: CHOOSE ONE of the following questions to answer for this section.

- A. Were the major character traits of this character positive or negative? Explain. In other words, did they help or hinder the resolution of the conflict?**
- B. By the end of the novel, did the protagonist undergo a change that caused them to develop new character traits? Identify the new traits. How do you think these traits will affect the character in the future?**
- C. How could reading about a protagonist's struggles help you resolve conflicts or problems in your own life? Relate this to the protagonist that you read about.**

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Sample Character Traits

You may choose words from this list to describe the protagonist of the novel, or provide your own word that identifies a quality of the character's personality.

able	dependable	ignorant	responsible
active	depressed	imaginative	resourceful
adventurous	determined	impatient	restless
affectionate	discouraged	impolite	rough
afraid	dishonest	inconsiderate	rowdy
alert	disrespectful	independent	rude
ambitious	doubtful	industrious	satisfied
angry	dull	innocent	scared
annoyed	dutiful	intelligent	secretive
anxious	eager	jealous	selfish
apologetic	easygoing	kind	sensitive
arrogant	efficient	lazy	serious
attentive	embarrassed	lively	sharp
average	encouraging	lonely	shy
bold	energetic	loving	silly
bossy	evil	loyal	skillful
brainy	excited	lucky	sly
brave	fair	mature	smart
bright	faithful	mean	sneaky
brilliant	fearless	messy	spoiled
busy	fierce	miserable	stingy
calm	foolish	mysterious	strange
careful	fortunate	naughty	strict
careless	friendly	nervous	stubborn
cautious	frustrated	nice	sweet
charming	funny	noisy	talented
cheerful	gentle	obedient	thankful
childish	giving	obnoxious	thoughtful
clever	glamorous	optimistic	thoughtless
clumsy	gloomy	peaceful	tired
concerned	graceful	pessimistic	tolerant
confident	grateful	picky	trusting
confused	greedy	pleasant	trustworthy
considerate	grouchy	polite	unfriendly
cooperative	grumpy	popular	unhappy
courageous	harsh	positive	upset
cowardly	hateful	precise	useful
cruel	healthy	proper	weak
curious	helpful	proud	wise
dangerous	honest	quick	worried
daring	hopeful	quiet	
dark	hopeless	rational	
decisive	humorous	reliable	
demanding	ignorant	religious	

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June, 2017

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The nonfiction reading journals will be due upon return to school in late August. The final date for passing in reports will be Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The assignment your child completes will be used in class as a tool to learn how to develop his or her responses to literature, and a project will be completed in class. This project will be the first grade in this subject for the school year.

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8th Grade Summer Nonfiction Reading Options

Choose one of the following books:



Irena's Children by Tilar Mazzeo

In 1942, one young social worker, Irena Sendler, was granted access to the Warsaw ghetto as a public health specialist. While there, she reached out to the trapped Jewish families, going from door to door and asking the parents to trust her with their young children. She started smuggling them out of the walled district, convincing her friends and neighbors to hide them. Driven to extreme measures and with the help of a network of local tradesmen, ghetto residents, and her star-crossed lover in the Jewish resistance, Irena ultimately smuggled thousands of children past the Nazis. She made dangerous trips through the city's sewers, hid children in coffins, snuck them under overcoats at checkpoints, and slipped them through secret passages in abandoned buildings.

https://www.amazon.com/Irenas-Children-Extraordinary-Warsaw-Ghetto/dp/1476778507/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493404259&sr=1-1&keywords=irenas+children



Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton, Rick Bundschuh, Shery Berk

In this moving personal account of faith and fortitude, internationally ranked surfer Bethany Hamilton tells how she survived a shark attack that cost her arm—but not her spirit.

They say Bethany Hamilton has saltwater in her veins. How else could one explain the passion that drives her to surf? How else could one explain that nothing—not even the loss of her arm—could come between her and the waves? That Halloween morning in Kauai, Hawaii, Bethany responded to the shark's stealth attack with the calm of a girl with God on her side. Pushing pain and panic aside, she began to paddle with one arm, focusing on a single thought: "Get to the beach...." And when the first thing Bethany wanted to know after surgery was "When can I surf again?" it became clear that her spirit and determination were part of a greater story—a tale of courage and faith that this soft-spoken girl would come to share with the world.

<https://www.amazon.com/Soul-Surfer-Story-Family-Fighting/dp/1416503463>



She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall by Misty Bernall

In this memoir about Cassie Bernall, a victim of the Columbine High School shooting, her mother tells the story of the problems her daughter struggled with as a teenager and how she turned her life around prior to the tragedy.



*Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet out of Idaho** by Jon Katz

Jesse and Eric were geeks: suspicious of authority figures, proud of their status as outsiders, fervent in their belief in the positive power of technology. High school had been an unbearable experience and their small-town Idaho families had been torn apart by hard times. On the fringe of society, they had almost no social lives and little to look forward to. They spent every spare cent on their computers and every spare moment online. Nobody ever spoke of them, much less for them.

But then they met Jon Katz, a roving journalist who suggested that, in the age of geek impresario Bill Gates, Jesse and Eric had marketable skills that could get them out of Idaho and pave the way to a better life. So they bravely set out to conquer Chicago—geek style.

<https://www.amazon.com/Geeks-Lost-Boys-Internet-Idaho/dp/0767906993>



Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter by Adeline Yen Mah

After her mother died giving birth to her, Adeline was rejected by her siblings, her father, and her stepmother. She finds escape through a play-writing contest and education at an English university.



Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but journalist-mountaineer Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more--including Krakauer's--in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for *Into Thin Air*, Krakauer's epic account of the

May 1996 disaster.

[https://www.amazon.com/Into-Thin-Air-Personal-](https://www.amazon.com/Into-Thin-Air-Personal-Disaster/dp/0385494785/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493404406&sr=1-1&keywords=into+thin+air)

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Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest

discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18166920-beyond-magenta>



Eleven Seconds by Travis Roy

"In this heartfelt testament to the power of love and the strength of the human spirit, Travis Roy, who suffered a devastating injury eleven seconds into his first college hockey game, reveals how he has managed to cope after the accident and, with the help of family and friends, overcome tremendous barriers to begin a new life." -[Goodreads](#)



Throw Like a Girl by Jennie Finch

"The evidence is overwhelming: sports help girls grow into strong women. Both scientific studies and anecdotal evidence confirm that athletic girls not only grow up to be healthier; they learn teamwork, gain inner confidence, and grow into society's leaders. Sports help preteen and teenage girls make the right choices in a society that is sending them incredibly mixed messages about who they are supposed to be. Yet no one is speaking directly to these girls. Jennie fills the role of girlfriend, big sister, team captain, and mentor. A smart, credible, and accomplished voice from an athlete who is strong and feminine, fiercely competitive, and fashionably cool, Jennie is someone young women will listen to and take to heart. Jennie's message: Believe in yourself. Go for it, girls." -

[Goodreads](#)



When the Game Stands Tall by Neil Hayes

By 2002, *The Streak*--a historic 13-year run of consecutive wins by the Spartans, a high-school football team from Concord, California, that couldn't be beat--was still going strong. In this revised edition of "When the Game Stands Tall," author Neil Hayes, who had unrestricted access to the De La Salle team, writes from the inside about the games, the players, and their visionary coach, Bob Ladouceur, who managed to amass the highest winning percentage in football history (.995) through standing for something greater than winning. The book, which also features interviews with major sports figures like Bill Walsh and John Gruden, is a revealing portrait of the coach who believed above all in instilling basic life skills where winning is not the goal, but merely the byproduct of playing the game." -[Goodreads](#)



My Life in Dog Years, Gary Paulsen

For animal lovers, Gary Paulsen (author of *Hatchet* and *Woodson*) tells the story of his life through his dog companions. Each chapter presents a different dog and the significance of the dog in his life.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Part I:

Each of these books focuses on an individual who overcomes a challenging circumstance.

Please answer the following questions related to this theme in paragraph form (5-6 sentences).

1. Describe the individual's challenging circumstance.

2. Explain how the individual overcomes his/her challenge.

3. How does the individual grow as a result of overcoming his/her challenge?

4. In what ways can you relate to this individual or the circumstance that he/she overcomes?

Part II:

Each student should keep a journal of important excerpts, quotes and events as he/she reads through each chapter. Include at least 2-3 excerpts/quotes per chapter/ scene. Please follow the format that we have included to keep a detailed journal. A minimum of 20 quotes should be included.

Quotation	Pg #	Why do I find this quote interesting or important?

Quotation

Pg #

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TMHS 2017-2018 Summer Reading

The Summer Reading for TMHS will be done in accordance with themes for each grade level.

They are as follows:

- Grade 9 - Tragedy/internal conflict
- Grade 10 - Self discovery
- Grade 11 - American dream
- Grade 12 - Hero's Journey or inner vs. outer conflict

Selection of books for TMHS Summer Reading:

Freshman (Tragedy/Internal Conflict):

I am Malala

Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb

Life as we Knew It

Susan Beth Pfeffer

Go Ask Alice

Beatrice Sparks

The Chocolate War

Robert Cormier

Speak

Laurie Halse Anderson

Sophomore (Self Discovery):

In Cold Blood

Truman Capote

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Mark Haddon

The Devil in White City
Erik Larson

The Impossible Knife of Memory
Laurie Halse Anderson

The Poisoner's Handbook
Deborah Blum

Junior (American Dream):

We are Market Basket
Daniel Korschun and Grant Welker

Feed
M.T. Anderson

The Selection
Kiera Cass

Off Balance: A Memoir Dominique Moceanu
Dominique Moceanu

Red Bandana
Tom Rinaldi

Senior (Heroes/Inner vs. Outer Conflict)

Massacre on the Merrimack
Jay Atkinson

Station Eleven
Emily St. John Mandel

Girl, Interrupted
Susan Kaysen

Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World's Most Dangerous Weapon
Steve Sheinkin

Catch 22 - AP English Literature and Composition
Joseph Heller

Caesar's Gallic War - AP Latin
Julius Caesar

Aeneid - AP Latin
Virgil

Outliers: The Story of Success - AP Economics
Malcolm Gladwell

- Any student who is in need of special accommodations, please contact their Guidance Counselor, ELA Dept. Chair Ms. Hardacre, or Principal Vogel prior to the end of the school year.
- For a listing of graphic novels for those who need special accommodations - click link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LVTTfgymRwTO56SVIcYTkkMDPTTxP4IRd8sRDy7n7ek/edit>

Assignment for all:

Read the book of your choice from your grade level over the summer (please sign up for the book before the end of school in Google Docs). Upon returning to school, a discussion in English class followed by writing about the grade-level theme, will ensue. Taking notes as you read is a viable tool which will help you with your in-class writing as you will be able to use these notes along with your book. This writing assignment will be a quiz grade.

TMHS 2017-2018

Graphic Novel Accommodated Reading List

List of Graphic Novels for Summer Reading

- *Wires and Nerves* Published January 2017
- *Science Fiction*, 238p, Reviews: Publisher's Weekly Annex, School Library Journal & Voice of Youth Advocates
When rogue packs of wolf-hybrid soldiers threaten the tenuous peace alliance between Earth and Luna, Iko takes it upon herself to hunt down the soldiers' leader. She is soon working with a handsome royal guard who forces her to question everything she knows about love, loyalty, and her own humanity. With appearances by Cinder, Cress, Scarlet, Winter, and the rest of the Rampion crew, this is a must-have for fans of the bestselling series.
- *Tomboy* by Liz Prince
- *Autobiography*, Nonfiction 255p, Reviews: Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Voice of Youth Advocates.. And many more.
Growing up, Liz Prince wasn't a girly girl, dressing in pink tutus or playing Pretty Pretty princess like the other girls in her neighborhood. But she wasn't exactly one of the guys either, as she quickly learned when her Little League baseball coach exiled her to the outfield instead of letting her take the pitcher's mound. Liz was somewhere in the middle, and *Tomboy* is the story of her struggle to find the place where she belonged.
Tomboy is a graphic novel about refusing gender boundaries, yet unwittingly embracing gender stereotypes at the same time, and realizing later in life that you can be just as much of a girl in jeans and a T-shirt as you can in a pink tutu. A memoir told anecdotally, *Tomboy* follows author and zine artist Liz Prince through her early childhood into adulthood and explores her ever-evolving struggles and wishes regarding what it means to "be a girl."
- *Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My father bleeds history* by Art Spiegelman ***10th grade?**** could also do the complete *Maus I* and *Maus II*
- *Biography*, Nonfiction 159p Reviews: Wilson's Senior High, School Library Journal, New York Times, and many more.
The Pulitzer Prize-winning *Maus* tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. *Maus* approaches the unspeakable through the diminutive. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), shocks us out of any lingering sense of familiarity and succeeds in 'drawing us closer to the bleak heart of the Holocaust' (The New York Times). *Maus* is a haunting tale within a tale. Vladek's harrowing story of survival is woven into the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father. Against the backdrop of guilt brought by survival, they stage a normal life of small arguments and unhappy visits.

- *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol
- Fiction, 221p, Reviews: Wilson's Senior High, School Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, and many more.

Anya could really use a friend. But her new BFF isn't kidding about the "forever" part. Of all the things Anya expected to find at the bottom of an old well, a new friend was not one of them. Especially not a new friend who's been dead for a century. Falling down a well is bad enough, but Anya's normal life might actually be worse. She's embarrassed by her family, self-conscious about her body, and she's pretty much given up on fitting in at school. A new friend—even a ghost—is just what she needs. Or so she thinks. Spooky, sardonic, and secretly sincere, *Anya's Ghost* is a wonderfully entertaining debut graphic novel from author/artist Vera Brosgol.

- *Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust* by Loic Dauvillier and Greg Salsedo
- Nonfiction, 76p, Reviews: Kirkus Reviews, New York Times, School Library Journal, and many more.

In this gentle, poetic young graphic novel, Dounia, a grandmother, tells her granddaughter the story even her son has never heard: how, as a young Jewish girl in Paris, she was hidden away from the Nazis by a series of neighbors and friends who risked their lives to keep her alive when her parents had been taken to concentration camps.