

2019 Summer Reading for Middle School English

Students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade should read at least one book that they will discuss in September.

This list suggests authors and titles that are popular with middle school students. Students may choose from this list or they may select any other book that appeals to them.

Copies of these books are available in the schools, at public libraries, and at local bookstores.

The back of this list includes some questions students can consider while reading.

* Favorite authors!

Fiction

A.B. Westrick. *Brotherhood*.
Alan Gratz. *Prisoner B-3087*.
Ali Benjamin. *The Thing about Jellyfish*.
Candace Fleming. *On the Day I Died*.
Dan Gemeinhart. *Scar Island*.
Dianne K. Salerni. *The Eighth Day*.
Gary D. Schmidt. *Orbiting Jupiter*.
*Gordon Korman. *Ungifted*.
Holly Sloan. *Counting by 7s*.
J.A. White. *The Thickety: A Path Begins*.
*Jason Reynolds. *Ghost*.
*Jason Reynolds. *Patina*.
Jennifer A. Nielsen. *A Night Divided*.
John Lewis. *March I, II, III*.

Jonathan Stroud. *The Screaming Staircase*.
K.A. Holt. *House Arrest*.
Kate Messner. *All the Answers*.
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. *The War That Saved My Life*.
*Kwame Alexander. *Booked*.
*Kwame Alexander. *The Crossover*.
Lauren Wolk. *Wolf Hollow*.
Laura Amy Schlitz. *The Hired Girl*.
*Laurie Halse Anderson. *Chains*.
Lynda Mullaly Hunt. *Fish in a Tree*.
M.G. Hennessey. *The Other Boy*.
Mark Goldblatt. *Twerp*.

Michael Morpurgo. *Shadow*.
Nikki Grimes. *Garvey's Choice*.
Paul Griffin. *When Friendship Followed Me Home*.
Raina Telgemeier. *Drama*.
Rodman Philbrick. *The Big Dark*.
Shelley Pearsall. *The Seventh Most Important Thing*.
Stuart Gibbs. *Space Case*.
Stuart Gibbs. *Spy School*.
Thanha Lai. *Inside Out and Back Again*.
Tom Angleberger. *Fuzzy*.
Victoria Jamieson. *Roller Girl*.
Watt Key. *Hideout*.

Nonfiction

Alton Carter. *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*.
Barack Obama. *Dreams from My Father*.
Candace Fleming. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion and the Fall of Imperial Russia*.
Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson. *Chew on This: Everything you Don't Want to Know About Fast Food*.
Georgia Bragg. *How They Croaked*.
James L. Swanson. *The President Has Been Shot!: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy*.
Kenneth C. Davis. *In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives*.
Leon Leyson. *The Boy on the Wooden Box*.
Lucy Knisley. *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen*.
Malala Yousafzai. *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban*(Young Readers Ed.).
Margot Lee Shetterly. *Hidden Figures: The Untold Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space*.
Phillip Hoose. *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler*.
*Russell Freedman. *Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights that Changed America*.
Steve Sheinkin. *Bomb - The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*.
Steve Sheinkin. *Port Chicago 50: Disaster Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*.
Tanya Lee Stone. *Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*.

More favorite authors!

Alan Gratz	Matt de la Pena
Carl Hiaasen	Milton Meltzer (nonfiction)
Dyan Sheldon	Rick Riordan
J.R.R. Tolkien	S.E. Hinton
Jacqueline Woodson	Sharon Creech
Jerry Spinelli	Sharon Draper
Kekla Magoon	Sharon Flake
Kristen Levine	Susan Campbell Bartoletti (nonfiction)
Laurence Pringle (nonfiction)	Tim Green
Lois Lowry	Walter Dean Myers
Marc Aronson (nonfiction)	Wendy Mass
Margaret Peterson Haddix	

Series

Brandon Mull. <i>Fablehaven</i> .	Pittacus Lore. <i>I am Number Four</i> .
Cassandra Clare. <i>Mortal Instruments</i> .	Rick Riordan. <i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i> .
Cassandra Clare. <i>Infernal Devices</i> .	Tom Angleberger. <i>Origami Yoda</i> .
James Patterson. <i>Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life</i> .	Veronica Roth. <i>Divergent</i> .
Kiera Cass. <i>The Selection</i>	Victoria Aveyard. <i>Red Queen</i> .
Laurie Halse Anderson. <i>Seeds of America</i> .	
Neal Schusterman. <i>Unwind Dystology</i> .	

Questions for reflection/discussion in the fall

What types of reading did you do this summer? Did you read magazines, newspapers, cereal boxes, websites, novels, poetry, nonfiction books? List everything you can remember reading.

Now, consider the following questions about your reading:

How did your reading this summer help you

- make a connection to your own life?
- make a connection to other books you've read?
- see another world or another time?

In your reading, in what ways did you

- care what happened to a character?
- connect with one of the characters?
- encounter unfamiliar events and experiences?
- meet a new author you had not read?
- enjoy how the author wrote the book?
- have questions that went unanswered?
- picture the people and places?

In your reading

- what struck you as being very important?
- did you learn any lessons?

Use the following prompts to discuss your summer reading

- I learned...
- The confusing thing is...
- I was surprised...
- I began to think of...
- I don't really understand ...
- I think...
- If I were....
- At first I thought and now I think...
- At first I felt, now I feel...
- I have changed by this book in this way...
- From reading this text, I will remember...
- The theme in this text was...
- An "aha" from the reading was...
- A light bulb went on in my head and I realized...
- My opinion on this topic now is...
- I will remember the visual I built in my mind for