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## **New Rochelle Summer 2020 Reading Assignment for Incoming 6th Graders**

*Due to your 6th Grade ELA Teacher during the first week of school in September.*

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*Dear Incoming 6th Graders,*

*We are so excited to be working with you next year!*

*In order to continue to grow as a reader and a writer over the summer, you will choose 1 of the many books you read this summer and complete a reading response entry to show your deep thinking!*

*You may type your response or use the sheets provided. Attached you have a suggested reading list, questions for you to respond to, and the rubric we will use to assess your hard work.*

*New Rochelle students with a library card have access to the public library's Overdrive catalog of ebooks--which is actually from the Westchester Library System. Directions for getting library cards are on the New Rochelle Public Library website at: <https://nrpl.org/> The link for ebooks through Overdrive from the Westchester Library System is: <https://westchester.overdrive.com/>*

*Enjoy your summer and we look forward to hearing about your reading and writing life when you return in September!*

*Sincerely,*

*Your Grade 6 ELA Teachers*









# **Recommended Summer Reading Books to Consider:**

## **Adventure**

Lionboy: the first book in a trilogy by Zizou Corder (series)  
Holes by Louis Sachar  
Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

## **Fantasy**

Scorpion Mountain by John Flanagan (series)  
Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman  
Drift by M.K. Hutchins

## **Biography**

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? By Jean Fritz  
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman  
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull  
Twenty-two Cents by Paula Yoo

## **Autobiography/Memoir**

Guts: the true stories behind Hatchet and the Brian books by Gary Paulsen  
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

## **Graphic Novel**

Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol  
Drama by Raina Telgemeier  
Three Kingdoms by Weidong Chen (series)  
Yummy: The Last Days of Southside Shorty by G. Neri  
I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina  
New Kid by Jerry Craft

## **Historical Fiction**

Darby by Jonathon Scott Fuqua  
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan  
X The Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz  
Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar

## **Horror**

Cirque du Freak: A Living Nightmare by Darren Shan (series)  
The Forest of Hands and Teeth by Carrie Ryan  
The Nightmarys by Dan Poblocki  
Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty

## **Humor**

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman  
15 Minutes by Steve Young  
The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket

## **Mystery**

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro

Cat Girl's Day Off by Kimberly Pauley

The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johns

## **Non-Fiction**

Forgotten Bones: Uncovering a Slave Cemetery by Lois Miner Huey

Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

Heroes of 9/11 by Allan Zullo

Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

## **Poetry**

Etched in Clay by Andrea Cheng

Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid's Poems by David Bowles

## **Realistic Fiction**

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

Wonder by Patricia Palacio

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle by Hilda Eunice Burgos

Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina

Jump Shot by Tiki Barber

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

Blended by Sharon Draper

## **Romance**

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Bella At Midnight by Diane Stanley

The Sun Is Also A Star by Nicola Yoon

## **Sports**

Streetball Crew: Stealing the Game by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Outside Shot by Walter Dean Myers

## **Science Fiction**

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

The Arctic Code by Matthew Kirby

The Six by Mark Alpert

Rebel Seoul by Axie Oh

## Rubric for Assessing the Summer Reading Assignment:

In order to help you do your best, please review the rubric below. Be sure to have strong responses with thoughtful answers that demonstrate your deep thinking. **This will be your first ELA class homework assignment.**

<b>Little or No Attempt 0-1</b>	<b>Approaching Expectation 2</b>	<b>Meets Expectation 3</b>	<b>Exceeds Expectation 4</b>
<p>Completed <b>few</b> or <b>no</b> parts of the assignment, and demonstrated <b>little</b> or <b>no</b> understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be <b>left blank</b> or <b>hard to understand</b>.</p>	<p>Completed <b>part</b> of the assignment demonstrating a <b>basic</b> understanding of the book.</p> <p>Response may be too <b>brief</b> or <b>lacks detail</b>.</p>	<p>Demonstrated that you read the book and completed <b>all</b> parts of the assignment.</p> <p>Response was <b>complete</b> with <b>appropriate details</b> and <b>explanation</b>.</p>	<p>Demonstrated that you read the book and completed <b>all</b> parts of the assignment and demonstrated deep understanding and reflection.</p> <p>Response was <b>complete</b> and <b>extended</b> with <b>insightful examples</b> and <b>explanation</b>.</p>

**Do your best work. Happy reading!**

