

8th Grade Summer Reading List

Please choose two books to read this summer; take your time and learn a little about each book before making your decision! When you've finished, respond to the questions below on a Google Doc, and share it with me (batkinson@a-cs.org) before the first day of school.

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain

Anne of Green Gables - L.M. Montgomery

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe - Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson

Boxers and Saints (Both Volumes) - Gene Luen Yang

Copper Sun - Sharon M. Draper

A Different Mirror For Young People: A History of Multicultural America - Ronald Takaki

Dracula - Bram Stoker

Farewell to Manzanar - Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls - Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo

The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again - J.R.R. Tolkien

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou

Jane Eyre - Charlotte Brontë

Killer Angels - Michael Shaara

Legend - Marie Lu

The Martian - Andy Weir*

Monster - Walter Dean Myers

Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts - Susan Cain

Roots - Alex Haley

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story about Brain Science - John Fleischman

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn - Betty Smith

Wonder - R. J. Palacio

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

*Strong language. Parents, please check Common Sense Media for further information. Also, please email me with any questions!

Book #1

Title:

1. What drew you to this book? (2-3 sentences)
2. Give a brief summary of the book. (5-6 sentences)
3. Did the book live up to your expectations? Why or why not? (5-6 sentences)
4. Why might this book be considered important, either to you or to society as a whole? Explain. (5-6 sentences)

Book #2

Title:

5. What drew you to this book? (2-3 sentences)
6. Give a brief summary of the book. (5-6 sentences)
7. Did the book live up to your expectations? Why or why not? (5-6 sentences)
8. Why might this book be considered important, either to you or to society as a whole? Explain. (5-6 sentences)