

2020 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. ALL NN and VA residents can apply for public library e-membership which gives unlimited access to ebooks and audiobooks. No parental permission is required. An email address is required; new user creates a user name and uses that with a PIN the library emails to them. Students can register at:

<https://www.library.nnva.gov/223/Get-a-Library-Card>.

1. Junior Library Guild: access to digital collection: <https://tinyurl.com/txtzp5k> These are top-quality children's and YA books.
2. Audible: audio book collection: [stories.audible.com](https://www.audible.com)
3. MidAmerica books: ebooks: <https://abdodigital.com/?tk=840BC558E6676AB1F4C9FA29D8EC6D69>

The end 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 Thicket: 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*.

Thanhha 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

Carl Hiaasen

Dyan Sheldon

J.R.R. Tolkien

Jacqueline Woodson

Jerry Spinelli

Kekla Magoon

Kristen Levine

Laurence Pringle

(nonfiction)

Lois Lowry

Marc Aronson (nonfiction)

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Matt de la Pena

Milton Meltzer (nonfiction)

Rick Riordan

S.E. Hinton

Sharon Creech

Sharon Draper

Sharon Flake

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

(nonfiction)

Tim Green

Walter Dean Myers

Wendy Mass

Series

Brandon Mull. *Fablehaven*.

Cassandra Clare. *Mortal Instruments*.

Cassandra Clare. *Infernal Devices*.

James Patterson. *Middle School*,

The Worst Years of My Life.

Kiera Cass. *The Selection*

Laurie Halse Anderson. *Seeds of*

America.

Neal Schusterman. *Unwind Dystology*.

Pittacus Lore. *I am Number Four*.

Rick Riordan. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*.

Tom Angleberger. *Origami Yoda*.

Veronica Roth. *Divergent*.

Victoria Aveyard. *Red Queen*.

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