

## Rising 7th-Grade Summer Reading

*“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read;  
there are only children who have not found the right book.”*

– Frank Serafini

**You are on your honor not to select books that you have previously read independently or studied in any class.**

**World History.** Please read at least **one** of these books for history class.

*Tales of Ancient Egypt* (Roger Lancelyn Green)

*In the Reign of Terror: A Story of the French Revolution* (G. A. Henty)

*Elizabeth I: Red Rose of the House of Tudor, England, 1544* (Kathryn Lasky)

*Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt, 57 B.C.* (Kristiana Gregory)

*Isabel: Jewel of Castilla, Spain, 1466* (Carolyn Meyer)

*Marie Antoinette: Princess of Versailles, Austria-France 1769* (Kathryn Lasky)

*Victoria: May Blossom of Britannia, England, 1829* (Anna Kirwan)

**Classics.** Please read at least **one** of these books for English class.

*Johnny Tremain* (Esther Forbes)

*Julie of the Wolves* (Jean Craighead George)

*Summer of My German Soldier* (Bette Greene)

*A Day No Pigs Would Die* (Robert Newton Peck)

*The Hobbit* (J.R.R. Tolkien)

**Free Choice!** You may choose any work of fiction or nonfiction of your own choice. If you're having trouble making a choice, here are some suggestions:

*The Young Champion's Mind: How to Think, Train, and Thrive Like an Elite Athlete* (Jim Afremow)

*The House with the Chicken Legs* (Sophie Anderson)

*Nothing But the Truth* (Avi)

*Tangerine* (Edward Bloor)

*The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree* (Bill Brittain)

*Older Than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth* (Don Brown)

*The Trouble With Shooting Stars* (Meg Cannistra)

*New Kid* (a graphic novel by Jerry Craft)

*It Ain't so Awful, Falafel* (Firoozeh Dumas)

*The Miracle Worker* (William Gibson)

*My Side of the Mountain* (Jean Craighead George)

*Refugee* (Alan Gratz)

*The Night Diary* (Veera Hiranandani)

*Story of My Life* (Helen Keller)

*The Story That Cannot Be Told* (J. Kasper Kramer)

*The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero* (Patricia McCormick)

*Olympians* (George O'Connor)

*Jacob Have I Loved* (Katherine Paterson)

*A Single Shard* (Linda Sue Park)

*Ghost Boys* (Jewell Parker Rhodes)

*The Wednesday Wars* (Gary Schmidt)

*Counting By 7s* (Holly Goldberg Sloan)

*The Pearl* (John Steinbeck)

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (Mark Twain)