

## Rising 8th-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.**

**Nonfiction (Holocaust).** Please read at least **one** of these books for history class.

*Abe's Story: A Holocaust Memoir* (Abram Korn and Joseph Korn)

*The Hiding Place* (Corrie Ten Boom, Elizabeth Sherrill, and John Sherrill)

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

-*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (Anne Frank)

-*Mom, The Wolfman and Me* (Norma Klein)

-*A Separate Peace* (John Knowles)

-*Of Mice and Men* (John Steinbeck)

**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 Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (Sherman Alexie)

*The Bear and the Nightingale* (a series by Katherine Arden)

*Trust the Grind: How World-Class Athletes Got To The Top* (Jeremy Bhandari)

*The Plain Janes* (Cecil Castelucci)

*The House on Mango Street* (Sandra Cisneros)

*The Face on the Milk Carton* (Caroline B. Cooney)

*Stella by Starlight* (Sharon Draper)

*Thinking Physics: Practical Lessons in Critical Thinking* (Lewis Carroll Epstein)

*The Skin I'm In* (Sharon G. Flake)

*Art Matters: Because Your Imagination Can Change the World* (Neil Gaiman)

*I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives* (Martin Ganada and Caitlin Alifrenka)

*The Lord of the Flies* (William Golding)

*Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations* (Alex and Brett Harris)

*The Old Man and the Sea* (Ernest Hemingway)

*Hiroshima* (John Hersey)

*A Gebra Named Al* (Wendy Isdell)

*March: Book One* (John Lewis)

*Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra* (Wendy Lichtman)

*Gathering Blue* (Lois Lowry)

*Monster or Scorpions* (Walter Dean Myers)

*Resistance* (Jennifer A. Nielson)

*Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound* (Andrea Davis Pinkney)

*Okay for Now* (Gary D. Schmidt)

*Bomb: The Race to Build-- And Steal-- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* (Steve Sheinkin)

*Stargirl* (Jerry Spinelli)

*We Should Hang Out Sometime* (Josh Sundquist)

*The Hate U Give* (Angie Thomas)

*The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, or The Return of the King* ( a series by J.R.R. Tolkien)

*It's a Numberful World: How Math Is Hiding Everywhere* (Eddie Woo)

*Brown Girl Dreaming* (Jacqueline Woodson)