

Required 8th Grade Summer Reading



2 books

Students are to read one of the C.S. Lewis books from the list below:

*The Chronicles of Narnia series (accept The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
or a previously read book in the series)*

Out of the Silent Planet

Perelandra

That Hideous Strength

Each rising eighth grade student will be required to choose **one** of the above books to read. They should be ready to complete a writing assignment with their teacher upon return to school in August. The writing assignment which will be completed in class will be about the book they have chosen from the above list.

Each student should choose one additional book from the *Summer Reading List* attached. Please choose a book that has not been read in the past. Please return the reading log identifying the books that have been read.

It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. In addition to having your child read books from the attached list, you may choose certain selections for family read-aloud. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning! Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always *your* responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be *looking to you* to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



Required Summer Reading for Rising Eighth Grade Students

Armstrong	<u>Sounder</u>
Aldrich	<u>A Lantern in Her Hand</u>
Bagnold, Enid	<u>National Velvet</u>
Bennett, William	<u>The Book of Virtues, The Moral Compass</u>
Blackmore, Richard	<u>Lorna Doone</u>
Blos, Joan	<u>A Gathering of Days</u>
Bunyan, John	<u>Pilgrim's Progress</u>
Burnett	<u>The Last Prince</u>
Bussell, Darcy	<u>The Young Dancer</u>
Carmichael	<u>Mimosa</u>
Defoe, Daniel	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
Dickens, Charles	<u>David Copperfield</u>
Doyle	<u>The Hound of the Baskerville, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</u>
Dumas	<u>The Three Musketeers</u>
Dutton	<u>Amos Fortune, Free Man</u>
Elliot	<u>A Chance to Die</u>
Fox, Paula	<u>The Slave Dance</u>
Hawthorne	<u>The Tanglewood Tales</u>
Hughes, Libby	<u>Colin Powell: A Man of Quality</u>
Hunt	<u>Across Five Aprils</u>
Herriot, James	<u>All Creatures Great and Small</u>
Kipling	<u>Captains Courageous</u>
Knight, David	<u>Isaac Newton: Mastermind of Modern Science</u>
Marshall, Catherine	<u>Adventures in Prayer, Beyond Ourselves</u>
Marshall	<u>Christy</u>
O'Hara Mary	<u>My Friend, Flicka</u>
Orlev, Uri	<u>The Man From the Other Side</u>
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	<u>The Yearlings</u>
Richter	<u>The Light in the Forest</u>
Segal, Jerry	<u>The Place Where Nobody Stopped</u>
Speare, Elizabeth	<u>Calico Captive, The Bronze Bow</u>
Steinbeck	<u>The Red Pony</u>
Stevenson	<u>The Black Arrow</u>
Stonaker, Frances Benson	<u>Famous Mathematicians</u>
Swift, Jonathan	<u>Gulliver's Travels</u>
Taylor	<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u>
Tolkien, J.R.	<u>Lord of the Rings Trilogy</u>

Tolstoy
Twain, Mark
Verne, Jules
Washington
Webster, Jean

Anna Karenina
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
Around the World in 80 Days, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Up From Slavery
Daddy-Long Legs

The following selections are Living Books from the “My Name is America” series, and are written from a boy’s perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

Journal of Augustus Pelletier: The Lewis and Clark Expedition by Kathryn Lasky
Journal of Biddy Owen: The Negro Leagues by Walter Dean Myers
Journal of James Edmund Reese: Civil War Union Soldier by Jim Murphy
Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: A Pilgrim Boy, Plimoth Plantation 1620 by Ann Rinaldi
Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: A WW II Soldier by Walter Dean Myers
Journal of William Thomas Emerson: A Revolutionary War Patriot by Barry Denenberg

The following selections are Living Books from the “Dear America” series, and are written from a girl’s perspective. They are in diary form about life in a particular period of history.

Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie by Kristiana Gregory
A Light in the Storm: The Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin by Karen Hesse
My Secret War: The WW II Diary of Madeline Beck by Mary Pope Osborne
A Picture of Freedom: The Diary of Clotee—A Slave Girl 1859 by Patricia McKissack
So Far From Home: The Diary of Mary Driscoll-An Irish Mill Girl by Barry Denenberg
Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan 1763 by Mary Pope Osborne
Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Mary Ann Brady 1912 by Ellen Emerson White
West to a Land of Plenty by Jim Murphy
When Will This Cruel War Be Over? The Diary of Emma Simpson 1864 by Barry Denenberg
A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple by Kathryn Lasky