

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST FOR 2019-2020

All students entering the eighth grade are required to read TWO novels, one from the “classic” authors and one from the “contemporary” authors, plus a grade-appropriate biography of their choice...(the biography should be more than 150 pages, not an abridged picture book, about an influential person in their life.) During the summer, students are expected to take notes while reading the three books, which they will be allowed to use when taking their summer reading assessments the first full week of school****PLEASE NOTE: ALL SELECTIONS ARE UNABRIDGED VERSIONS ONLY****STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ACCELERATED READER TESTS ON THE BOOKS LISTED BELOW. IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, A SCORE OF 80 OR ABOVE WILL BE REQUIRED AS A PASSING GRADE, HENCE THE NEED TO TAKE NOTES/REVIEW PRIOR TO TAKING THE AR TEST!*******WHEN SELECTING AUTHORS, LIKE HEMINGWAY OR STEINBECK, MANY OF THEIR NOVELS ARE LESS THAN 150 PAGES..SO STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO READ TWO OF THEIR BOOKS, WHICH WILL COUNT AS ONE OF THE CLASSICS.**

CLASSIC AUTHORS/CHOOSE ONE

1. Ernest Hemingway
2. John Steinbeck
3. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
4. Jane Austen
5. The Bronte Sisters
6. Charles Dickens
7. Shakespeare Made Easy or No Fear Shakespeare
8. Charles Dickens

CONTEMPORARY AUTHORS/CHOOSE ONE

1. George Orwell
2. Ray Bradbury
3. Agatha Christie
4. J.R.R. Tolkien
5. Margaret Mitchell
6. Dan Brown
7. F. Scott Fitzgerald
8. Mark Twain