

Future Eighth Grade Summer Reading List

Choose two fiction and one non-fiction book from this list to read over the summer break.

I. Fiction

*Piers, Anthony. **A Crewel Lye**
Bauer, Joan. **Hope Was Here**
Bloor, Edward. **Tangerine**
Clements, Andrew. **Things Not Seen**
Curtis, Christopher. **Bud, Not Buddy**
DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn-Dixie**
Dokey, Cameron. **Before Midnight**
Fenner, Carol. **Yolonda's Genius**
Flake, Sharon. **The Skin I'm In**
Fleischman, Paul. **The Borning Room**
Gaiman, Neil. **The Graveyard Book**
George, Jean Craighead. **My Side of the Mountain.**
Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Pictures of Hollis Woods.**
Hobbs, Will. **River Thunder**
Holt, Kimberly Willis. **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**
Immel, Mary Blair; **Captured! A Boy Trapped in the Civil War**
Kadohota, Cynthia; **Weedflower**
Lombard, Jerry. **Drita, My Homegirl**
Lowry, Lois. **Autumn Street**
Mikaelson, Ben. **Touching Spirit Bear**
O'Dell, Scott. **Sing Down the Moon**
Paterson, Katharine; **Lyddie**
Peck, Richard. **A Year Down Yonder**
Rowling, J. K. **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**
Rylant, Cynthia. **A Fine White Dust**
Salisbury, Graham; **Under the Blood Red Sun**
Smith, Betty. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn**
Taylor, Mildred D. **The Land**
Zindel, Paul. **The Gadget**
Zimmerman, Diana S. **Kandide and the Secret of the Mists**

II. Non-fiction

Bober, Natalie S. **A Restless Spirit: The Story of Robert Frost**
Capuzzo, Mike. **Close to Shore: The Terrifying Shark Attacks of 1916**
Coleman, Penny. **Rosie the Riveter**
Daugherty, James. **Daniel Boone**
Eastaway, Rob; Jeremy Wyndham; and Tim Rice. **Why Do Buses Come in Threes?: The Hidden Mathematics in Everyday Life**
Fleischman, John. **Phineas Gage**
Freedman, Russell. **Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery**
Freedman, Russell. **Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence**
Leroe, Ellen. **Disaster! Three Real-Life Stories of Survival**
Jacobson, Sid. **The 9/11 Report: A graphic adaptation** (awesome retelling comic book style)
Mays, Osceola; Shane Evans; and Alan B. Grovenor. **Osceola: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter**
Murphy, Jim. **Blizzard: The Storm That Changed America**
Pfetzer, Mark, and Jack Galvin. **Within Reach: My Everest Story**
Turner, Pamela S. **The Frog Scientist**

The themes of study in 8th grade are U.S. History, human relationships, and science fiction. Feel free to read books not on this list that fit the theme and are at the appropriate grade level.

Record your books read on the following sheets.

1. Title: _____

Author: _____ Dates Read _____

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