

Featured Authors by Genre:

Mystery/Adventure

Peter Abrahams
Anthony Horowitz
James Patterson
Siobhan Dowd
Elizabeth Chandler
Jodi Picoult
Dan Brown

Historical Fiction

Richard Peck
Judy Blundell
Adam Bagdasarian
Ann Rinaldi

Fantasy

Rick Riordan
Cassandra Clare
Suzanne Collins
Christopher Paolini
Libba Bray
P.C. and Kristen Cast
Kenneth Oppel

Urban Fiction

L. Divine
Matt de la Pena
Nikki Grimes
Sister Souljah
Walter Dean Myers
Sharon Draper
Rita Williams Garcia
Coe Booth
Teri Woods

Science Fiction

Scott Westerfield
Orson Scott Card
Michael Crichton
Kevin Brooks

Humor

Gordon Korman
Tim Tharp
Jordan Sonnenblick
Michele Jaffe
Ned Zizzini
David Sedaris

Romance

Simone Elkeles
E. Lockhart
Sarah Dessen
Lauren Myracle
Nicholas Sparks
Meg Cabot
Rita Williams Garcia
Coe Booth
Teri Woods
Richard Wright

Memoirs

Jeannette Walls
Esmeralda
Santiago
Dave Pelzer

Graphic Novels

Neil Gaiman
Marjane Satrapi
Hiromu Arakawa
Nobuhiro Watsuki
Tite Kubo

Paranormal

Stephenie Meyer
Carrie Ryan
Carrie Jones
Lili St. Crow
Claudia Gray

Poetry

Langston Hughes
Margarita Engle
Julia Alvarez
Nikki Giovanni

Sports

Chris Crutcher
Mike Lupica
John Coy
John Feinstein
Catherine Murdock

Horror

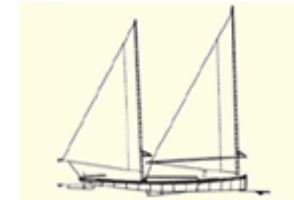
Stephen King
Darren Shan
Simon Holt
Sara Shepard
Neil Shusterman
Laurie Stolarz

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Summer Reading Guide

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Summer Reading

This summer, you will be reading **2 books** for your summer reading. Please follow the directions below to complete your summer reading **before the first day of school**. The books should be available at your local public library.

Step 1: Chose **1 book** from the list on the next page for the grade you will be going into. Read the book over the summer and come to school prepared to discuss and write about the book in class. Your teacher may ask you to do an in-class writing assignment, participate in book chats with fellow students, or complete an in-class project on the book.

Step 2: Select **1 book** of your choosing to also read over the summer. Make sure your book is grade-level appropriate. Feel free to use the list of suggested authors to help you decide. After you finish the book, chose one of the following assignments to complete based on the book. Your English teacher will collect the assignment from you at the beginning of the school year.

- a. Write a 2+ page letter to the author in which you explain what impacted you the most, ask questions you have on the book, and explain connections you found between the book and your own life or the lives of others you know.
- b. Write a 2+ page spin-off story for the main character(s). You could add a new scene to the book, rewrite the ending, or create a new scene that would happen after the book ended. Whatever you write should clearly connect to the original book.
- c. Write a 2+ page newspaper article on a major event from the book. Make sure to hit all of the key facts from the event and to make it dramatic.

9th Grade:

1. **Anderson, Laurie Halse.** *Twisted*
2. **Anderson, Laurie Halse.** *Speak*
3. **Bradbury, Ray.** *Fahrenheit 451*

10th Grade:

1. **Schusterman, Neal.** *Unwind*
2. **Gruen, Sara.** *Water for Elephants*
3. **Twain, Mark.** *Tom Sawyer*

11th Grade:

1. **Morrison, Toni.** *Sula*
2. **Knowles, John.** *A Separate Peace*
3. **Partridge, Edith.** *John Lennon: All I want is the Truth: A Biography.*

12th Grade:

1. **Picoult, Jodi.** *My Sister's Keeper.*
2. **Strauss, Darin.** *Half a Life*
3. **Wright, Richard.** *Black Boy*
4. **Albom, Mitch.** *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*

Suggested Science Readings

1. *A Whale for the Killing.* Farley Mowat
2. *The Perfect Storm.* Sebastian Junger
3. *Fatal Forecast. An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea.* Michael J. Tougas
4. *Never Cry Wolf.* Farley Mowat
5. *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that changed the World.* Mark Kurlansky
6. *Games Wars: The Undercover Pursuit of Wildlife Poachers.* Marc Reisner