

2020 ALCS Middle School Summer Reading

Grade 6: Choose at least 2 books from the following list. Complete the 4-question assignment for one of the books. You will need to turn in that assignment at the start of school in the fall. Happy Reading!

Beardance - Will Hobbs

The Cay - Theodore Taylor

Dogsong - Gary Paulsen

Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis

Loser - Jerry Spinelli

My Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson

Fish in a Tree - Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Through Gates of Splendor - Elisabeth Elliot

6th Grade Assignment for Summer Reading: Complete for ONE of the books that you read.

1. Who are the main characters in the book? Jot down a few traits about each of them.
2. Draw a picture of the main setting of the book.
3. Describe the main conflict of the book and how it is resolved.
4. What is one of the themes of the book? Explain.

Grades 7 & 8: Choose one book for English and one book for History. Complete the given assignment for each book.

Grade 7 English: Choose one of the following books to read.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred D. Taylor

God's Smuggler - Brother Andrew

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle - Avi

Journey to the Center of the Earth - Jules Verne

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott

Ghost - Jason Reynolds

Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech

The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin

Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

Grade 8 English: Choose one of the following books to read.

Brady - Jean Fritz

Christy - Catherine Marshall

The Red Pencil - Andrea Davis Pinckney

The Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle

Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli

Our Town - Thornton Wilder

The Sword in the Stone - T. H. White

Refugee - Alan Gratz

Silver People: Voices from the Panama Canal - Margarita Engle

Assignment for 7th & 8th Grade English Reading:

- 1. Who are the main characters in the book? Jot down a few traits about each of them.**
- 2. Draw a picture of the main setting of the book.**
- 3. Describe the main conflict of the book and how it is resolved.**
- 4. What is one of the themes of the book? Explain.**

Grade 7 History :

The Adventures of Marco Polo - Russell Freedman

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knut Pedersen and the Churchill Club - Phillip Hoose

The Family Romanov - Candace Fleming

Hiroshima - John Hersey

Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill - Stephen Mansfield

Svetlana - The Incredible Story of Stalin's Daughter - Martin Ebon

They Poured Fire on Us from the Sky: The True Story of Three Lost Boys - Deng et al.

Grade 8 History:

Any "Heroes of the Faith" missionary book from school

Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom - Janet & Geoff Benge (many copies available to borrow from ALCS)

Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot" - Michael O. Tunnell

Number the Stars - Lois Lowry

The Spy Who Came in From the Sea - Peggy Nolan

Up From Slavery - Booker T. Washington

William Wilberforce: The Freedom Fighter - Derick Bingham

Assignment for History Reading:

- 1. What event(s) in history is/are discussed in the book? Explain.**
- 2. Identify five facts you learned about that event/those events.**
- 3. Was there anything that surprised you about the event(s)? Explain.**
- 4. Would you recommend this book to others? Why or why not? Explain.**