

**SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS**  
**7th and 8th Grade**

1. Choose 2 books from the Summer Reading Suggestions for Middle School.
2. Prior to reading each novel, choose 3-4 Reader Response questions to think about while you are reading. Your choices are included below.
3. Upon completion of each novel, answer two of the Reader Response questions in a well written paragraph.
4. You will be required to submit the responses to your Language Arts Teacher by August 26, 2019.

**Summer Reading Suggestions for Middle School**  
**(Author: Title)**

1. Margaret Peterson Haddix: Among the Hidden (series) or Running Out of Time
2. Jerry Spinelli: Wringer
3. Theodore Taylor: The Cay
4. Gary Blackwood: The Shakespeare Stealer
5. J. R. R. Tolkien: The Hobbit or The Lord of the Rings
6. Gary D. Schmidt: The Wednesday Wars
7. Roland Smith: Tentacles, Jack's Run or Peak
8. Eoin Colfer: Artemis Fowl Series
9. Rodman Philbrick: Freak the Mighty
10. Gary Paulsen: Hatchet, The River, Brian's Winter, Brian's Return, Brian's Hunt, Woodsong, Dogsong
11. Stephen Crane: The Red Badge of Courage
12. Esther Forbes: Johnny Tremain
13. Wilson Rawls: Where the Red Fern Grows
14. Lois Lowry: The Giver
15. Lois Ruby: Steal Away Home
16. Elizabeth George Speare: The Sign of the Beaver
17. Mark Twain: Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
18. Laurie Halse Anderson: Fever 1793
19. Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island
20. Jack London: The Call of the Wild
21. John Steinbeck: The Pearl
22. Nora Raleigh Baskin: Anything But Typical
23. Paula Fox: The Slave Dancer
24. William Golding: Lord of the Flies
25. Betsy Byars: The Summer of the Swans
26. Karen Hesse: Out of the Dust
27. Natalie Babbett: Tuck Everlasting
28. Linda Sue Park: A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story
29. Elizabeth George: The Sign of the Beaver
30. Armstrong Sperry: Call It Courage

## Reader Response Questions

1. Is the main character similar to a character you found in another book? What are the similarities?
2. Are there any connections between this book and your own life? Describe.
3. If this book took place in a different setting, how would that change the story? Why?
4. What incident or conflict does the author choose to begin this story? Why do you think the author chose this beginning?
5. Did any of the characters change during the course of this book? How did they change? What forces caused them to change?
6. What is the mood or tone of this book? How does the author create this mood?
7. What advice would you give a particular character and why?
8. What are your favorite lines or quotes from this book. Copy them and explain why you liked them.
9. How did the author create suspense?
10. Does this book seem similar to another book you read? In what ways are the two books similar?
11. What other character(s) besides the main character did you think was important? Why did you feel this character was important?
12. What were some of the events that created conflict in this book? What made these things happen? Why?