



## 2018 Summer Reading Grades 7-8 English and Social Studies

### **English**

All seventh graders are required to read *A Mango-Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass as well as *Through my Eyes* by Ruby Bridges. Everyone in the eighth grade is required to read *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman as well as *Crossing Stones* by Helen Frost.

Please then choose one additional book from the following annotated list.

PLEASE do not wait until the end of summer to complete your reading requirement. We strongly urge you to space your reading over the entire summer.

These books will be discussed during the first weeks of school and will serve as the basis for our first writing assignments.

We encourage you to read as many books as you can during the upcoming summer months. The books required for English are only a minimum.

### **Social Studies**

Incoming seventh graders are required to read *Chinese Cinderella* by Adelin Yen Mah in preparation for geography. Eighth graders will read *Glory Be* by Augusta Scattergood in preparation for civics. A quiz will be given on these novels in the fall as well as a follow-up discussion. These novels were selected with your enjoyment in mind as much as your education. They are available at local bookstores and libraries.

NOTE: For students who learn better through the auditory mode, the required novels may be available on CD or electronically for download. Check your local library for availability.

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Annotation</b>
Acampora, Paul	<i>I Kill the Mockingbird</i>	In the summer before high school, Lucy, Elena, and Michael hope to find a way to honor eighth grade English teacher, Fat Bob. His favorite book was <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> , but their fellow classmates aren't interested in reading it. The three friends must embark on an elaborate scheme: to make all copies of the novel disappear. Only then will students want to read the mysterious book.
Applegate, Katherine	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i>	Ivan is an easy-going gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family and she makes Ivan see their home through her eyes.
Avi	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i> <i>First in Series</i>	Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.
Creech, Sharon	<i>Walk Two Moons</i>	After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also has left.
Creech, Sharon	<i>Ruby Holler</i>	Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins, Dallas and Florida, have grown up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler.
Funke, Cornelia	<i>The Thief Lord</i>	As their mother dies, two boys travel to Venice, where they meet Scipio, the Thief Lord. Along with a small band of abandoned kids, the boys join Scipio's world of robbing the rich to support themselves.
Funke Cornelia	<i>Inkheart</i> <i>First in Series</i>	This is the story of young Meggie, who lives a quiet life alone with her father Mo, a bookbinder. Then one cruel night, when Mo reads aloud from Inkheart, an evil ruler named Capricorn escapes the boundaries of fiction and lands in their own living room. Suddenly, Meggie is smack in the middle of the kind of adventure she has only read about in books.

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Gaiman, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard. Winner of the 2008 Newbery Award
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that seemed to truly care about her.
Greene, Bette	<i>The Summer of my German Soldier</i>	World War II has come to Patty Bergen's hometown of Jenkinsville, Arkansas in the form of a German prisoner of war camp. Patty, a twelve-year-old Jewish girl, is curious about these Nazi soldiers, who must be monsters for the killing they have done. She is also lonely and awkward, and looking for a friend. Anton, a German soldier, is not the monster that Patty imagined, but a frightened young man with feelings not unlike her own.
Grimmes, Nikki	<i>Words with Wings</i>	With a notebook "Thick with daydreams," Gaby grows more confident about herself and her future. This verse novel poignantly celebrates the power of writing and the inspiration a good teacher can deliver.
Hale, Shannon	<i>Princess Academy: Palace of Stone</i>	Coming down from the mountain to a new life in the city is a thrill to Miri. She and her princess academy friends have been brought to Asland to help the future princess Britta prepare for her wedding. There, Miri also has a chance to attend school-at the Queen's Castle. However, as Miri befriends students who seem sophisticated and exciting she also learns that they have some frightening plans.
Hale, Shannon	<i>The Forgotten Sisters</i>	Shannon Hale returns to Miri and the <i>World of the Princess Academy</i> for a final time.
Hunt, Irene	<i>Across Five Aprils</i>	Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Kira-Kira</i>	This story chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill

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Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Weedflower</i>	After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.
Larson, Kirby	<i>Hattie Big Sky</i>	After inheriting her uncle's homesteading claim in Montana, sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie Brooks travels from Iowa in 1917 to make a home for herself and encounters some unexpected problems related to the war being fought in Europe.
Macy, Sue	<i>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom</i>	Take a lively look at women's history aboard a bicycle, which granted women freedom and mobility giving them power through women's liberation. See how women used the bicycle to improve their lives.
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Black Hands, White Sails</i>	Detailing the history of African-American whalers between 1730 and 1880, this book describes their contributions to the whaling industry and their role in the abolitionist movement.
Murdock, Catherine	<i>Dairy Queen: A Novel</i>	After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D. J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reaction of those around her.
O'Dell, Scott	<i>Sarah Bishop</i>	Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who took opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sara struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Lost Hero Heroes of Olympus, Book 1</i>	Three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.
Riordan, Rick	<i>The Red Pyramid Kane Chronicles, Book 1</i>	Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor into oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the Pharaohs.

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Westerfeld, Scott	<i>Uglies</i> First in Series	Everybody gets to be supermodel gorgeous. What could be wrong with that? Tally is about to turn sixteen and in her world our sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive model. The reader will question what beauty really is.
Zusak, Marcus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, their neighbors and the Jewish man they are hiding.

## Summer Reading Assignment

ENG 7

### *Through My Eyes* Written Responses

Please answer each of the following questions on *Through My Eyes* by Ruby Bridges with a single paragraph response. (Word processed is preferred, but handwritten is also acceptable.)

1. Look closely at the photographs and their explanations. How does the blending of the visuals with the text support your understanding of the Civil Rights Movement? Do the photos merely enhance the text or do they tell their own story and raise their own questions? If so, choose one example and explain how it furthered your curiosity or understanding.
2. Many pages in the book provide quotes from other people or from other published works. What value do you see as a reader in providing so many resources on this subject?
3. Our life experiences contribute to who we are and influence who we will become. How did Ruby Bridges' early experiences impact her idea of who she was and who she hoped to become?
4. Read each of the following quotes from Ruby Bridges. Choose the one that speaks to you the most about your own life, and share with me why it matters to you.
  - a. "My life grew away from me" (59).
  - b. "I wasn't ready to be who I am" (60).
  - c. Someone else was "keeping my story alive until I could grow up enough to tell it myself" (59).

## Summer Reading Assignment

ENG 8

### *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* Vocab

This vocabulary list includes words you might come across in any reading as well as terms and events related to this period in American history. Please define all words on a separate piece of paper and be ready for a vocabulary quiz during the first week of school. Next to each term is the page on which the words can be found within the text. Dictionaries and/or encyclopedias may be used to find clear definitions if needed.

1. Debutante (6)
2. Sanitarium (11)
3. Exile (11)
4. Reproved (11)
5. Diphtheria (14)
6. Scarlet Fever (14)
7. Desolate (15)
8. Tempestuous (15)
9. Conscientious (15)
10. Finishing School (23)
11. Carouse (30)
12. Junior League (33)
13. Immigrant (33)
14. Ghetto (33)
15. Jaunty (38)
16. Strenuous (40)
17. Bewildered (48)
18. Acquiesce (52)
19. Armistice (64)
20. League of Nations (65)
21. League of Women Voters (69)
22. Legislative (69)
23. Polio (71)
24. Vigorous (72)
25. Bolster (74)
26. Democratic National  
Convention (79)
27. Calamity (79)
28. Great Depression (97)
29. Inauguration (98)
30. Flabbergasted (98)
31. The New Deal (106)
32. Jubilant (113)
33. World Court (118)
34. Totalitarian (127)
35. Fascist (127)
36. Imperial (127)
37. World War 2 (128)
38. Immigration Quota (128)
39. Pearl Harbor (133)
40. Harry S. Truman (142)
41. Bereft (147)
42. United Nations (147)
43. Repatriation (149)
44. Universal Declaration of Human  
Rights (152)