

## Summer Reading List for Eighth Grade

Eighth graders are required to read four books during the summer hiatus. The two assigned books are Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck and Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene. We will begin in September with a test on these two novels. BE PREPARED.

In addition, choose any two books from the list below. Complete one writing assignment for each selected. On a sheet of paper, type or write:

- (1) Title and author
- (2) Setting or subject if your book is non-fiction
- (3) Plot summary or discussion of a non-fiction book's main idea
- (4) A description of the key characters if applicable
- (5) A recommendation, tell me why you liked or disliked the book.

### Fantasy/Science Fiction

The Duplicate/Sleator  
The Hero and the Crown/McKinley  
The Once and Future King/White  
The Golden Compass/Phillip Pullman

### Historical Fiction

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes  
The War Within/Carol Matas  
Cast Two Shadows/Rinaldi  
My Brother Sam is Dead/Collier  
Mara, Daughter of the Nile/Eloise McGraw

### Mixed Genre

Tex/S.E. Hinton  
Murder on the Orient Express/Agatha Christie  
The Secret Lives of Bees/Sue Monk Kidd  
All's Quiet on the Western Front/Remarque  
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman/Gaines  
The Chosen/Chaim Potok  
Cold Sassy Tree/Olive Ann Burns  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn/Betty Smith  
A Raisin in the Sun/Lorraine Hansberry (play)

### Non-fiction

Chew on This/Eric Schlosser  
A Night to Remember/Walter Lord