



Required Summer Reading for Eighth Grade

Students entering eighth grade are required to read **Catherine, Called Birdie** by Karen Cushman, and at least TWO additional books from the list.

Fiction	Non-Fiction
<p>The Door in the Wall by Marguerite de Angeli – Set in the fourteenth century, this is the classic of a noble boy training to be a knight. Despite personal tragedy and obstacles in his way, Robin learns his own strength when he saves the castle and discovers there is more than one way to serve his king.</p>	<p>Joan of Arc by Kathleen Kudlinski – Filled with archival photographs and amazing fact boxes, this photographic biography tells the story of the farm girl turned Christian martyr, Joan of Arc, who heard voices encouraging her to secure the throne of France for its rightful heir.</p>
<p>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne – This is the nineteenth-century science fiction tale of an electric submarine, its eccentric captain, and an undersea world.</p>	<p>Lincoln’s Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin – An account of how counterfeiter Benjamin Boyd’s gang stole the body of Abraham Lincoln, their demand for Boyd’s release from jail and ransom, and the efforts of the Secret Service to recover the remains.</p>
<p>The Hobbit, or There and Back Again by J.R.R. Tolkien – Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortable in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.</p>	<p>Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank – Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank’s remarkable diary has since become a world classic—a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.</p>
<p>Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane – Set during the Civil War, this classic portrays Henry Fleming, a private in the Union Army who runs away from the battlefield. Afterwards, the shame he feels at this act of cowardice ignites his desire to receive an injury in combat—a “red badge of courage” that will redeem him.</p>	<p>The Boy on the Wooden Box by Leon Leyson – Leon Leyson (born Leib Lezjon) was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance, and grit, Leyson was able to survive the Nazis and a concentration camp outside of Krakow.</p> <p>Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans during WWII by Martin W. Sandler – The bombing of Pearl Harbor drew America into WWII, but it also created strong waves of fear and mistrust of Japanese American immigrants in the U.S. and led to their internment in poorly appointed, remote “relocation centers” for the duration of the war. Sandler expertly crafts a narrative that manages to explain the horror and incomprehensibility of locking up American citizens in prison camps simply because of their ethnic ancestry.</p>

Khan Academy Practice Suggestion

During the summer it is important to practice reading, writing, and math to strengthen your fluency, vocabulary skills and comprehension. To support your math capabilities, we recommend the **Khan Academy lessons for seventh grade**. This will reinforce the work completed during the 2018-2019 year and prevent the typical summer regression. This is a suggested practice activity, not a required summer assignment. You can set up a free account at www.khanacademy.org.



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Summer Reading Log for Eighth Grade

All incoming eighth-grade students are required to read Catherine, Called Birdie and at least two additional books. Record the books you've read in this chart.

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