

7th to 8th Grade Summer Reading 2019

It is recommended that students in **English 8** should read **TWO** of the following books over the summer. These books will be available at *Barnes and Noble* at Rochester and Auburn Road or any online retailer such as Amazon. You can also check them out at your public library.

The value in reading everyday:

Research shows that students that read over the summer maintain and improve upon their current reading skills and also score higher on standardized tests. In order to maintain/improve reading skills by moving to a higher level and to boost future test scores, we recommend reading over the summer. We also feel that reading independently will prepare students for the rigors of high school. With today's 21st Century being the Age of Information, reading comprehension and analysis skills are needed more than ever before!

How to pick your book:

- Utilize your Lexile Level range to help you determine an appropriate leveled book. This can be found in your last NWEA report.
- Visit the [Lexile Framework for Reading](#) website to find the right book for you!
- Visit the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) website to launch the [Teen Book Finder Database](#).
- Download the Young Adult Library Services Association's [2019 Top Teen's Top Teen Nominees](#)
- Launch the [Young Adult Library Services Association's App](#) through Google Play or iTunes.

Please view some of our book recommendations on the next few pages! Happy reading!

ENGLISH 8 RECOMMENDATIONS (Lexile Score in Parentheses):

Realistic Fiction

Dark Waters by Catherine MacPhail (460)
**Juvie* by Paul Kropp (500)
Goodbye Stranger by Rebecca Stead (560)
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson (670)
This Side of Home by Renee Watson (670)
**Monster* by Walter Dean Myers - OR anything else by Walter Dean Myers (670)
Crossover by Kwame Alexander (670)
Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper - OR anything else by Sharon Draper (700)
Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt (740)
Mosquitoland by David Arnold (750)
Heat, Game Changers, or other titles by Mike Lupica (800-900)
**Paper Towns* (850) or **Fault in Our Stars* by John Green (850)
Like No Other by Una LaMarche (1000)
Crossover by Kwame Alexander (750)
Solo by Kwame Alexander (640)
Swing by Kwame Alexander (610)
House Arrest by K.A. Holt (610)
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (720)
Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes (410)

Historical Fiction

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson (580)
The Gadget by Paul Zindel (590)
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak (730)
Boy at the Top of the Mountain by John Boyne (890)
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai (800)
Any books written by Laurie Halse Anderson (except *Chains*)

Science Fiction

Virals by Kathy and Brendan Reichs (480)
All Fall Down or any other Embassy Row Novel by Ally Carter (610)
The Fixer by Jennifer Lynne Boyles (620)
Matched, Crossed, or Reached by Allie Condie (630-680)
Michael Vey Series by Richard Paul Evans (610-750)
Stormbreaker by Alex Horowitz (670)
Taken (700) - Erin Bowman
Legend by Marie Lu (710)
H2O by Virginia Bergen (740)
**Divergent*, **Insurgent*, or **Allegiant* by Veronica Roth (Grade Level Equivalent 9.0, Letter Z, (700-710))
Four by Veronica Roth (750)
The Giver or *Son* (Sequel to *The Giver*) by Lois Lowry (760)
The Maze Runner by James Dashner OR any other title by James Dashner (770)
The Game by Monica Hughes (760)
The Testing by Joelle Charboneau (830)

Fantasy

Series *The Heroes of Olympus* (640-690) or *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* (630-700) by Rick Riordan

Series 1st-*Eragon* (710), 2nd-*Eldest* (970), 3rd-*Brisingsr* (1050), or 4th-*Inheritance* by Christopher Paolini

Any books in the series known as *Mortal Instruments* by Cassandra Clare

Miss Peregrine's Children (890) (or other titles in the series)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (700)

Biography

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (990)

Non-Fiction

Tasting the Sky by Ibtisam Barakat (870)

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (1120)

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (1010)

I Am Malala: Girl Who Stood Up for Education by Malala Yousafzai