8th Grade Summer Reading Suggested Book List

Read THREE BOOKS following the guidelines below.

These are suggested books. If you'd like to read a book that is not on the list, please make sure it is an appropriate reading level.

Please take brief notes about important scenes, characters, themes, etc.

❑ Book 1:
Read a book about a character who comes from a different culture than you.

Suggested Book Titles:

❑ I Will Always Write Back by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda
❑ Walking Home by Eric Walters
❑ Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai
❑ Sold by Patricia McCormick
❑ A Step from Heaven by An Na
❑ Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
❑ I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez
❑ American Panda by Gloria Chao
❑ Love, Hate and Other Filters by Samira Ahmed
❑ The Dangerous Art of Blending In by Angelo Surmelis
❑ The Ugly One by Leanne Statland Ellis
❑ Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You by Hanna Jansen
❑ Love From A to Z by S.K. Ali
❑ A Time to Dance by Padma Venkatraman

❑ Book 2:
Read a fiction or nonfiction book about a topic you don’t know much about.

Book Titles:

❑ Forgotten Fire by Adam Bagdasarian
❑ How Dare the Sun Rises: Memoirs of a War Child
❑ The Bitter Side of Sweet by Tara Sullivan
❑ Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee
❑ Glimmer of Hope by the founders of March For Our Lives
❑ The Unwanted: Stories of the Syrian Refugees by Don Brown
❑ Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji Li Jiang
❑ Within These Lines by Stephanie Morrill
❑ White Rose by Kip Wilson
❑ A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
❑ The Memory Keeper’s Daughter by Kim Edwards
- **Book 3:**
  Read a **nonfiction** book. For instance: biography, memoir, autobiography, etc.

  **Book Titles:**

  - *Clara’s War: One girl’s Story of Survival* by Clara Kramer
  - *They Call Me a Hero: A Memoir of my Youth* by Daniel Fernandez
  - *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater
  - *How I Resist: Activism and Hope for a New Generation* by Maureen Johnson
  - *Strong Inside (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line* by Andrew Maraniss
  - *Never Fall Down* by Patricia McCormick
  - *Hamilton and Peggy: A Revolutionary Friendship* by L.M. Elliott
  - *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston
  - *The Electric War: Edison, Tesla, Westinghouse, and the Race to Light the World* by Mike Winchell