

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 Surlimis](#)
- ❑ [*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:

- ❑ [Brown v. Board of Education: a Fight for Simple Justice by Susan Goldman Rubin.](#)
- ❑ [Clara's War: One girl's Story of Survival by Clara Kramer](#)
- ❑ [Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel by Nancy F. Castaldo.](#)
- ❑ [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](#)