

York Preparatory Academy
Rising 8th grade Summer Reading List
2020/2021

Getting Started: During the summer, read at least ONE book from your grade level list below. Choose a novel that interests you and that you have not already read.

What should I do next?: After reading, write a “friendly” letter recommending the novel you chose to read to a friend. If you need help, ReadWriteThink’s Letter Generator Tool at <https://goo.gl/sJEU7L>.

What should I include in my letter?:

Here is a list of things you should remember as you write your letter.

- The introduction of a letter states the writer’s purpose for writing. The letter ends with a closing statement.
- The body of a friendly letter is appropriate for the writer’s purpose. A friendly letter is conversational in tone. Anecdotes, descriptions, and details make it interesting to read.
- The letter should include specific details from your novel, such as major characters, setting, and events.
- The heading, salutation, and closing should be correctly placed.
- The conventions of writing should be followed (grammar, punctuation, capitalization, paragraphs, spelling).

Now what?: Please bring your letter to give to your ELA teacher by Friday, August 14, 2020.

8th Grade Recommended Reading Titles

Title (Lexile Level)	Subject	Author
A Long Way Gone (920L)	Memoir	Ishmael Beah
Al Capone Does My Homework (600L)	Crime Fiction	Gennifer Chaldenko
Ashes (820L)	Historical Fiction	Laurie Halse Anderson
Beastly (580L)	Fantasy	Alex Flinn
Ender’s Game (780L)	Science fiction	Orson Scott Card
Fast Break (840L)	Sports Fiction	Mike Lupica
I Am Malala (830L)	Autobiography	Malala Yousafzai
October Sky (900L)	Biography	Homer Hickam
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry (920L)	Historical Fiction	Mildred Taylor
Someday Dancer (730L)	Fiction	Sarah Rubin
Swimming to Antarctica	Nonfiction	Lynne Cox
The Pigman (950L)	Fiction	Paul Zindel
The Seventh Most Important Thing (760L)	Historical Fiction	Shelley Pearsall
The Worst Class Trip Ever (770L)	Suspense	Dave Barry
Walk on Earth a Stranger (740L)	Historical Fantasy	Rae Carson

Reading Rewards

Get rewarded for reading! For every novel you read after the first required novel, you will receive a Homework Pass, AND your name will be entered in to a Raffle for prizes. To receive your Passes and enter the Raffle, turn in the following information for each Novel to your ELA Teacher by Friday, August 14:

- Your Name
- Novel’s Title and Author
- Your answer to ONE of the following questions, written in complete sentences. Use specific details from the text, such as character names and events in your answer:
 - What was your favorite part of the novel?
 - What would you change if you had written the novel?