

Shelton Middle School
Summer Reading List for Students Entering
Eighth Grade

Blumenthal, Karen. Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different, 2012.

Inventor. Visionary. Genius. Dropout. Steve Jobs was the founder of Apple and he was all of these things. Through his life he was loved, hated, admired and dismissed, yet he was a living legend; the genius who founded Apple in his parent's garage when he was just 21 years-old, revolutionizing the music world. How did this man, who was neither an engineer nor computer geek, change the world in which we live?

Cummings, Priscilla. Cheating for the Chicken Man, 2016.

In this sequel to *The Red Kayak*, thirteen-year-old Kate Tyler must ask herself how far she will go to protect her older brother, J.T., when he returns home after nearly a year in a juvenile detention facility. J.T. finds himself ostracized and bullied as he attempts to make a fresh start. Kate compromises her own values and risks getting herself into serious trouble as she launches a secret campaign to protect her brother long enough for him to find his place in the family – and in the world – again.

Dowd, Siobhan. The London Eye Mystery, 2007.

Ted and Kat watch their cousin Salim get on board the London Eye; he turns and waves as he gets on. After half an hour it lands, and everyone exits—everyone, but Salim. Where could he have gone? How could he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and his older sister, Kat, become sleuthing partners, since the police are having no luck. Despite their prickly relationship, they overcome their differences to follow a trail of clues across London in a desperate bid to find their cousin.

Duncan, Lois. Locked in Time, 1985.

Nore Roberts didn't ask for a new life, but now that her mom is gone and her dad is newly married, she has to live at Shadow Grove, the old Civil War mansion her stepfamily calls home. Nore has hopes of becoming friends with her stepbrother and stepsister, until she realizes that they, like their mother, are hiding something. When she begins to feel like the target of a deadly plan, Nore starts digging into her stepfamily's past. Can she expose her stepmother's dark secret before an old and evil magic swallows her up?

Hobbs, Will. Downriver, 1996.

Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader and try to run the dangerous white water of the Grand Canyon alone. They soon learn a lot about themselves and their group. Can they survive the trip down river?

****Book Report Rescue Choice****

Reynolds, Jason. Ghost, Track Book 1, 2016.

Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down. Ghost is one of four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics. Ghost has a crazy natural talent, but no formal training. If he can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all starting with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running

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away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who blew his own shot at success by using drugs, and who is determined to keep other kids from blowing *their* shots at life.