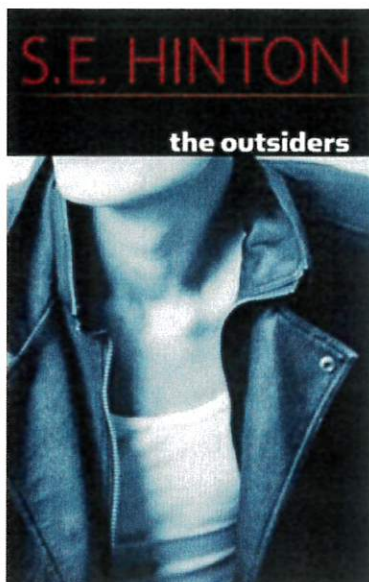


Rising 8th Summer Reading Selections



REQUIRED: Read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

A heroic story of friendship and belonging

No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. And when it comes to the Socs—a vicious gang of rich kids who enjoy beating up on "greasers" like him and his friends—he knows that he can count on them for trouble. But one night someone takes things too far, and Ponyboy's world is turned upside down...

REQUIRED: PICK ONE novel below TO READ

Each book relates to a museum you could visit on your D.C. trip next year. Pick the one that interests you the most!

***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak**

By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is *The Gravedigger's Handbook*, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever there are books to be found.

***Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein**

While on a risky mission over Nazi-occupied France, a British pilot and spy are shot down. The spy is quickly captured. The author begins with the spy's confession to the Gestapo, then alternates the story from the pilot's perspective.

***Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers**

An African-American 18-year-old's experience of Vietnam as a soldier who feels out of touch and disposable.

***The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass**

Former slave, impassioned abolitionist, brilliant writer, newspaper editor and eloquent orator whose speeches fired the abolitionist cause, Frederick Douglass (1818–1895) led an astounding life in which he was able to overcome many obstacles to become a leading spokesman for his people.

