



2021 Summer Reading

Grade 8 English

ENGLISH

Students are required to read three books from grade-specific lists. The English department annually refines these lists to appeal to student interests and broaden their exposure to a range of literary styles. English teachers draw from these readings for class assignments throughout the school year.

Society, Literature, and Composition: GRADE 8

Required Reading:

- *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman

Individual Choice Reading – Select two from the following:

Parents are encouraged to research individual choice texts, as the content varies. Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.com) is an excellent resource when selecting texts that are appropriate for your daughter to read based on your family's individual media guidelines. Parents are also encouraged to read the texts in tandem with their daughters, as this creates the opportunity for dialogue about what they are reading and how they are responding to the texts.

Nonfiction:

Phineas Gage: The Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman

The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Historical Fiction:

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

Contemporary Fiction:

I Kill the Mockingbird by Paul Acampora

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Invisibility by Andrea Cremer

Mystery:

The Ruby in the Smoke: A Sally Lockhart Mystery by Philip Pullman

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie

Chasing Secrets by Gennifer Choldenko

Poetry

Pieces of Georgia by Jen Bryant

Enchanted Air: Two Culture, Two Wings: A Memoir by Margarita Engle

Paper Hearts by Meg Wiviott

Fantasy

Eragon by Christopher Paolini

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Uglies by Scott Westerfeld

Required Work

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery Vocab

This vocabulary list includes words you might come across in any reading as well as terms and events related to this period in American history. Please define all words on a separate piece of paper and be ready for a vocabulary quiz during the first week of school. Next to each term is the page on which the words can be found within the text. Dictionaries and/or encyclopedias may be used to find clear definitions if needed. There will be a quiz over these words during the first week of class.

1. Debutante (6)
2. Sanitarium (11)
3. Exile (11)
4. Reproved (11)
5. Diphtheria (14)
6. Scarlet Fever (14)
7. Desolate (15)
8. Tempestuous (15)
9. Conscientious (15)
10. Finishing School (23)
11. Carouse (30)
12. Junior League (33)
13. Immigrant (33)
14. Ghetto (33)
15. Jaunty (38)
16. Strenuous (40)
17. Bewildered (48)
18. Acquiesce (52)
19. Armistice (64)
20. League of Nations (65)
21. League of Women Voters (69)
22. Legislative (69)
23. Polio (71)
24. Vigorous (72)
25. Bolster (74)
26. Democratic National Convention (79)
27. Calamity (79)
28. Great Depression (97)
29. Inauguration (98)
30. Flabbergasted (98)
31. The New Deal (106)
32. Jubilant (113)
33. World Court (118)
34. Totalitarian (127)
35. Fascist (127)
36. Imperial (127)
37. World War 2 (128)
38. Immigration Quota (128)
39. Pearl Harbor (133)
40. Harry S. Truman (142)
41. Bereft (147)
42. United Nations (147)
43. Repatriation (149)
44. Universal Declaration of Human Rights (152)