



THE RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2021 Summer Reading Entering the Eighth Grade:

Required for Literature:

Woodson, "Main Street"
De La Pena, "How to Transform an Everyday,
Ordinary Hoop Court into a Place of Higher
Learning and You at the Podium"
Both Stories Are Contained in the Collection
Flying Lessons, edited by Ellen Oh

Required for History Class:

Anderson, *Chains*

Students are required to choose one additional book from the following list. Please note that some novels have film adaptations. It is imperative that students read the work before watching the film adaptation.

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Anderson, *Memory Thief*
Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*
Card, *Ender's Game*
Collins, *The Hunger Games**
Colfer, *Artemis Fowl*
Dunn, *Ella Minnow Pea*
Farmer, *The House of the Scorpion*
Funke, *Inkheart*
Goldman, *The Princess Bride*
Munoz Ryan, *Echo*
Sanderson, *Elantris*
Savage, *Karma Moon, Ghost Hunter*

Realistic Fiction

Buyea, *Because of Mr. Terupt **
Chopra, *Fire in the Heart*
Colfer, *The Reluctant Assassin*
Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*
Lipsyte, *The Contender*
Mass, *Jermery Fink and the Meaning of Life*
Pearson, *The Scribbler of Dreams*
Potok, *The Chosen*
Reynolds, *As Brave as You*
Soto, *Baseball in April and Other Stories*

Realistic Fiction (continued)

Voight, *Homecoming*

Non-Fiction

Crothers, *The Queen of Katwe*
Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*
Hickam, *Rocket Boys* (a.k.a. *October Sky*)
Hillenbrand, *Unbroken* (YA edition)
Seabiscuit
Lewis, *Kids with Courage: True Stories
about Young People Making a Difference*
Murphy, *Truce: The Day the Soldiers
Stopped Fighting*
Scott, *Buried Alive: How 33 Miners
Survived 69 Days Deep Under the Chilean
Desert*
Tammert, *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the
Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*
Thornton, *The Ditchdigger's Daughters*

Mystery

Brown, *The DaVinci Code* (YA
edition)
Christie, *And Then There Were None*
Murder on the Orient Express

*Any title in series is acceptable.

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Reading more could boost one's reading level!**



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Mystery (continued)

Dowd, *Down the Rabbit Hole: An
Echo Falls Mystery*
Grisham, *Theodore Boone: Kid
Lawyer*
Horowitz, *Stormbreaker (Alex Rider
series)*
L'Engle, *The Young Unicorns*

Historical Fiction

Anderson, *Fever 1793*
Fast, *April Morning*
Gratz, *Ground Zero, Prisoner B-3087*
Hahn, *Stepping on Cracks*
Meissner, *A Fall of Marigolds*
Nielsen, *A Night Divided*
Otsuko, *When the Emperor Was Divine*
Robinson, *The Hero Two Doors Down*
Ryan, *Esperanza Rising*
Sepetys, *Salt to the Sea*
Wein, *Code Name Verity*
Zusack, *The Book Thief*

Classics

Alcott, *Little Women*

Classics (continued)

Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*
Doyle, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*
Hinton, *The Outsiders*
Knowles, *A Separate Peace*

Poetry/Verse

Alexander, *Booked*
Grimes, *Words with Wings*
Woodson, *Brown Girl
Dreaming*

Graphic Novel/Manga

Austen, Tse- *Pride and Prejudice*
Lewis, *March I**
Montgomery, *Chan- Anne of Green Gables*
Spiegelman, *Maus*
Stevenson, *Nimona*
Wood, *Into the Volcano, The Drowned City:
Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans*

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Sports Fiction

Feinstein, *The Walk On*

Lupica, *Heat*

Ritter, *The Boy Who Saved Baseball*

Van Draanen, *The Running Dream* (YA
edition)

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