



## 2022 Summer Reading

### Grade 8

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

### Grade 8

#### Required Reading:

- For English 8: *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman
- For Ancient History: *Ancient Rome on Five Denarii a Day*, by Philip Matyszak

#### Individual Choice Reading for English 8 – Select one from the following:

\*\*Parents are encouraged to research individual choice texts, as the content varies. Common Sense Media ([www.commonsensemedia.com](http://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 for English 8

### *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)