

English 8 Summer Read, 2022

Greetings!

In August, when you return from a lengthy, restful, and relaxing break, we'll resume studying literature and begin by asking ourselves, *Why is literature important to me?* Our dive into this question will start with narrative structure—the struggles, obstacles, and choices that draw us in as readers and strengthen our bonds with characters.

All of the narratives listed below involve life-changing journeys or adventures. Choose any two texts below **not** from the same genre **OR** one of the challenging texts!

VERY IMPORTANT! The challenging texts are longer, more complex works of literature that weren't necessarily written for 8th graders! But, they are gripping, interesting narratives.

Click the links to read more about each novel. When you decide which book to order, **please use the provided ISBN number!**

Choose TWO from different genres!	OR	Choose ONE challenging text!
<p><u>Science Fiction/Fantasy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Last Cuentista, Donna Barba Higuera ISBN-13: 9781646140893• Ender's Game, Orson Scott Card ISBN-13: 9780812550702 <p><u>Realistic Fiction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White Fang, Jack London ISBN-13: 9780140186512• The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane ISBN-13: 9781580495868 <p><u>Memoir/Nonfiction</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farewell to Manzanar, Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston ISBN-13: 9781328742117• Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence, Doris Pilkington ISBN-13: 9780702233555		<p><u>Challenging Texts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moby Dick, Herman Melville ISBN-13: 9780486432151• Watership Down, Richard Adams ISBN-13: 9780743277709• 2001: A Space Odyssey, Arthur C. Clarke ISBN-13: 978-0451457998• The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, Olaudah Equiano ISBN-13: 978-0142437162• What Is the What: The Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng, Dave Eggers ISBN-13: 978-0307385901

During the first week of instruction you'll complete activities directly related to your reading of the text, so bring it to class!

As a final note, **enjoy the ride!** Each text offers a worthwhile experience that will deepen your understanding of journeys and growth. If you need assistance, please email me:

bmccClinton@episcopalcollegiate.org. Happy reading!