

CCS Middle School SUMMER READING

This summer you will choose one novel to read from a list of choices for your 2022-23 grade level.

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WHAT CAN YOU LEARN FROM A JOURNEY?

A Long Walk to Water

by Linda Sue Park
[ISBN: 978-0547577319]

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

by Elizabeth George Speare
[ISBN: 978-0547550299]

The Boys in the Boat

**(Young Readers Adaptation):
The True Story of an American
Team's Epic Journey to Win
Gold at the 1936 Olympics**
by Daniel James Brown
[ISBN: 978-0147516855]

Prince Caspian

(The Chronicles of Narnia)
by C.S. Lewis
[ISBN: 978-0064471053]

The Incredible Journey

by Sheila Burnford
[ISBN: 978-0099582786]

Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell

Out of the Tree
by Lauren Tarshis
[ISBN: 978-0142411506]

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO SURVIVE?

Somewhere There is Still a Sun:

A memoir of the Holocaust
by Michael Gruenbaum
[ISBN: 978-1442484870]

The Faithful Spy

by John Hendrix
[ISBN: 978-1419728389]

The Hiding Place

by Corrie Ten Boom
[ISBN: 978-0800794057]

Kisses from Katie:

***A Story of Relentless
Love and Redemption***
by Katie Davis
[ISBN: 978-1780780894]

Out of My Mind

by Sharon M. Draper
[ISBN: 978-1416971719]

Hatchet

by Gary Paulson
[ISBN: 978-1416936473]

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HOW DO WE OVERCOME ADVERSITY?

Stella by Starlight

by Sharon M. Draper
[ISBN: 978-1442494985]

Revolution

by Deborah Wiles
[ISBN: 978-0545106085]

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

by C.S. Lewis
[ISBN: 978-0064471077]

The Bronze Bow

by Elizabeth George Speare
[ISBN: 978-0395137192]

Hidden Figures

(Young Readers Edition)
by Margot Lee Shetterly
[ISBN: 978-0062662378]

Unbroken

**(The Young Adult Adaptation):
An Olympian's Journey from
Airman to Castaway to Captive**
by Laura Hillenbrand
[ISBN: 978-0385742528]

This summer you will choose one novel to read from a list of choices for your grade level. Here are a few important things to know before you begin:

- You should take some time to preview the books before making your selection; read the first few pages to be sure you are interested in the storyline and that the book is on your reading level.
- **Library books are great, but we need you to purchase the book so you can write in it as you read and have it with you in your language arts class.**
- During the first few weeks of school, your teachers will ask you to complete a writing assignment which answers the essential question using your selected book.
- Because you will be writing about your book, we're asking you to annotate or make notes in your book as you read.
 - Some ideas on taking notes:
 - **WHAT THOUGHTS** do you have as you read?
 - Grade 6 should focus on thoughts about how characters struggle or handle difficult situations.
 - Grade 7 should focus on thoughts about lessons we could learn from a historical story.
 - Grade 8 should focus on thoughts about how the characters work for or see a need for change.
 - **WHAT QUESTIONS** do you have as you read?
 - **WHAT CONNECTIONS** can you make to life, interests, experiences, faith, something else you read, heard or know, etc.?
 - **FOR EXAMPLE**, in places where the character is facing a challenge, you might just write “hard situation” or “struggling with _____” in the margins. Write your questions next to sections you want to talk more about or need clarification for. And definitely make notes in your book of the connections you see: “this is like the movie _____” or “this reminds me of the story we read last year _____.”
 - Take notes throughout the entire book, not just in one section.