

## English 8 Summer Reads, 2024

Welcome to English 8! When we kick off our literature studies in August, we'll dive right in by exploring a question close to every book lover's heart: *Why is literature important to me?* We'll start by exploring narrative structure—the twists, turns, and tough choices that keep us hooked and deepen our connection with characters.

Below, you'll find a list of captivating narratives, all featuring transformative journeys or adventures. They're packed with themes and narrative styles similar to what we'll be delving into throughout the year. I'm sure they'll be valuable resources as you gear up for English 8. Looking forward to our literary journey together!

Click the links to read more about each novel.

Choose <b>TWO</b> from <b>different genres</b>
Verse/Poetry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Brown Girl Dreaming</a>, Jacqueline Woodson</li></ul>
Historical Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Book Thief</a>, Markus Zusak</li><li>• <a href="#">The Boys Who Challenged Hitler</a>, Phillip Hoose</li></ul>
Classics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</a>, Washington Irving</li><li>• <a href="#">Little Women</a>, Louisa May Alcott</li></ul>
Memoir <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Funny in Farsi</a>, Firoozeh Dumas</li></ul>
Science Fiction <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Ender's Game</a>, Orson Scott Card</li></ul>

**Students should be prepared to take part in organized response and classroom work with summer reading books. During the first week of instruction you'll complete activities directly related to your reading of the text, so bring it to class!**

Audio versions for all of the books are available on Audible.

And lastly, enjoy the ride! Each of these texts promises a rich experience that will enhance your understanding of journeys and personal growth. If you have any questions or need assistance along the way, don't hesitate to shoot me an email at [nghasedi@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:nghasedi@episcopalcollegiate.org). Happy reading!