

**English Summer Reading for Rising Sixth Graders  
The Haverford School  
2024-25**

**All students entering Sixth Grade English are required to read:**

***The Ranger's Apprentice Book 1: The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan**

After reading *The Ruins of Gorlan*, students should write a typed or handwritten paragraph. In the paragraph, give the following information:

- A proper heading (more to come the first week of school!) (1pt)
- Author and title of the book (1pt)
- Short description of the book (1pt)
- Favorite part or favorite character, and why (2 pt)
- Whether or not you would recommend it to a classmate, and why (2 pt)

**The paragraph will be due at some point toward the END of the first week of school. Boys will receive directions for how to write a proper heading before the paragraph is due.**

**IMPORTANT: *The Ranger's Apprentice Book 1: The Ruins of Gorlan* by John Flanagan and our study of it will be the foundation of sixth grade English. All boys MUST have a physical copy with them in class for the entire month of September.**

**[Link to explanatory video by Ms. Price](#)**

**We encourage students to read even more over the summer.** Feel free to pick some choices from the following list or a book similar to the ones on this list.

Fiction:

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*.  
Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Ashes*.  
Bartok, Mira. *The Wonderling*.  
Bauer, Joan. *Soar*.  
Beasley, Cassie. *Circus Mirandus*.  
Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*.  
Bonk, John J. *Madhattan Mystery*.  
Bosch, Pseudonymous, *The Name of This Book Is Secret*.  
Bowling, Dust, *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*.  
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life*.  
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Journey of Little Charlie*.  
De La Pena, Matt. *The Living*.  
Draper, Sharon M. *Out of My Mind*.

Draper, Sharon M. *Blended*.  
Draper, Sharon M. *Copper Sun*.  
Draper, Sharon M. *Stella by Starlight*.  
Flanagan, John. *The Ranger's Apprentice Series*.  
Gantos, Jack. *Dead End in Norvelt*.  
Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*.  
Gilman, David. *The Devil's Breath*.  
Gino, Alex. *George*.  
Gino, Alex. *Melissa*.  
Goldblatt, Mark. *Twerp*.  
Green, Tim. *Baseball Great*.  
Gratz, Alan. *Prisoner B-3087*.  
Gratz, Alan. *Refugee*.  
Gratz, Alan. *Allies*.  
Haddix, Margaret. *Among the Hidden*.  
Haddix, Margaret. *Running Out of Time*.  
Hiassen, Carl. *Chomp*.  
Hiassen, Carl. *Hoot*.  
Hiassen, Carl. *Scat*.  
Holm, Jennifer L. and Matthew Holm. *Sunny Side Up*.  
Holm, Jennifer. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*.  
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*.  
Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed. *When Stars Are Scattered*.  
Jung, Mike. *Unidentified Suburban Object*.  
Kadohata, Cynthia. *The Thing About Luck*.  
King, A.S., *Attack of the Black Rectangles*.  
Korman, Gordon. *Ungifted*.  
Korman, Gordon. *Restart*.  
Keller, Tae. *When You Trap a Tiger*.  
Lawrence, Caroline. *The Case of the Deadly Desperados*.  
Martin, Laura. *Float*.  
Maetani, Valynne. *Ink and Ashes*.  
McClintock, Norah. *Hit and Run*.  
McNeill, Malcolm. *The Beginning Woods*.  
Paolini, Christopher. *Eragon*.  
Paulsen, Gary. *The Voyage of the Fog*.  
Reynolds, Jason. *As Brave As You*.  
Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost (Track #1) and Track Series*.  
Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter Series*.  
Roy, Jennifer. *Yellow Star*.  
Schrefer, Eliot. *Endangered and Threatened*.  
Smith, Clete Barrett. *Aliens on Vacation*.  
Shusterman, Neal. *Scythe*.  
Taylor, Greg. *Killer Pizza*.  
TenNapel, Doug. *Cardboard*.  
Wells, Marcia. *Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile*.  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Before the Ever After*.

### Nonfiction:

Burns, Loree. *Tracking Trash; Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion.*

Farr, Richard. *Emperors of the Ice.*

Herlong, M.H. *The Great Wide Sea.*

Grandin, Temple. *Calling All Minds.*

Kacer, Kathy. *The Underground Reporters.*

Kurlansky & Schindler. *The Story of Salt.*

Levy, Joel & Hancock, James Gulliver. *How to Be a World Explorer.*

Leyson, Leon. *The Boy on the Wooden Box.*

Murphy, Jim. *The Great Fire.*

Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.*

Say, Allen. *The Inker's Shadow.*

Sheinken, Steve. *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team.*

Sheinken, Steve. *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism, and Treachery.*

St. John, Warren. *Outcasts United.*

Takei, George. *They Called Us Enemy.*

Trottier, Maxine. *Terry Fox: A Story of Hope.*

Yellowhorn, Eldon & Lowinger, Kathy. *Turtle Island: The Story of North America's First People.*

### **PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM**

- *Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz, 2022 winner (6-8)
- *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, 2021 winner (6-8)
- *Float* by Laura Martin, 2020 winner (6-8)
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell, 2016 winner (3-6)
- *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jenni Holm, 2016 winner (6-8)
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, 2016 winner (6-8)
- *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz, 2015 winner (6-8)
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, 2014 winner (3-6)
- *Chomp* by Carl Hiaasen, 2014 winner (6-8)
- *Belly Up* by Stuart Gibbs, 2013 winner (3-6)
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper, 2013 winner (6-8)
- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini (6-8), 2004 winner (6-8)