

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading

Choose **one** book from the list below to read and annotate* by Monday, August 17, 2026. **You must be prepared to discuss and write about the novel in class.**

Choose **one** of the following:

1. *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
2. *Do Hard Things* by Alex and Brett Harris

*Annotate - take notes and ask questions in the margin throughout the novel. Every chapter should have a list of 2-4 main events that happened in that chapter at the end of the chapter, and a question.

Theme: Triumph Through Perseverance: persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

In what ways do you see this theme in the book you chose to read? This will guide our discussion in August.