

St. George's Episcopal School

2026 Summer Reading for Students Entering Seventh Grade

You will read **TWO** books this summer, one required text and one chosen from the list below.

There is no required written assignment to complete during the summer itself. We will, however, be using these titles as the basis for graded literature activities during the first quarter of 7th grade, so please complete the required books before the first day of school.



REQUIRED TEXT: *THE OUTSIDERS*

BY S. E. HINTON

ALL RISING 7TH GRADERS SHOULD READ THIS BOOK BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

THERE IS NO WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT TO COMPLETE DURING THE SUMMER.

YOU WILL HAVE GRADED WORK FOR THIS TEXT DURING FIRST QUARTER OF 7TH GRADE.

READING HELP: You are not required to complete a written assignment during the summer, but if you wish to complete some activities to help you keep the book fresh in your mind, you may enjoy one of the following. **These activities will NOT be collected or graded!!**

- Choose one character to follow as you read. Make annotations about what the character is like at the beginning of the book, key events that cause the character to develop or change, and important changes you see in the character. You might also note questions or challenges the character raises for you as a reader—what does this person's journey make you think about?
- Choose 5 important events in the book to illustrate. Write a couple of sentences for each picture detailing why you think that event is important.

CHOICE TITLES: CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO READ.

You are required to read a second book this summer. Your chosen title will serve as the basis for an introductory literature assignment during the first quarter of 7th grade. You may choose from the following list. Parents are encouraged to preview any titles their kids may wish to read.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club Hoose, Phillip
Thrilling true story of teenagers who stood up to the Nazis. (Nonfiction)

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Sheinkin, Steve
A great American sport and Native American history come together in this true story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team. (Nonfiction)

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas Boyne, John

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. (Fiction)

White Fang (Unabridged) London, Jack

This classic tale tells of a savage dog's transformation through love. (Fiction)

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (Unabridged) Carroll, Lewis

Alice lives an ordinary life, until the day she finds herself in the wonderful world of mad tea parties and remarkable characters. (Fiction)

I Am Malala Yousafzai, Malala

Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her. (Nonfiction)

Stargirl Spinelli, Jerry

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever. (Fiction)

The Lord of the Rings Tolkien, J.R.R.

Select one book from the trilogy that you have not already read. This series is designed to be read in order, so begin with *The Fellowship of the Ring* if you have not already begun this series. (Fiction)

The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation) Brown, Daniel

Complemented by photographs, this middle-grade adaptation of THE BOYS IN THE BOAT describes the American rowing team's triumphant and unlikely win during the 1936 Olympics. (Nonfiction)

The Princess Bride Goldman, William

Westley goes off to seek his fortune after declaring his love for Buttercup, the most beautiful girl in the world, but their relationship is put to the test when his ship is captured by pirates and she is summoned to become the bride of the prince. (Fiction)

A Place to Belong Kadahata, Cynthia

After enduring internment camps in America, Hanako and her family relocate to her grandparents' farm outside Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb. (Fiction)

A Night Divided Nielsen, Jennifer A

When her family is abruptly divided by the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta harbors forbidden thoughts about freedom and reuniting with her loved ones before a coded message from her father inspires a daring plan. (Fiction)

Couting by 7s Sloan, Holly

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident. (Fiction)