



GREENWICH ACADEMY

Dear Rising Group VI Girls,

Welcome to Group VI! I am excited to meet and to get to know each of you. In preparation for the new school year, we will all read:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

In addition, I want you to read **two** books from the list below. In September, you will give a book talk to your class on one of the books from the list (pick the one that you enjoyed the most). To prepare for the book talk, please fill out the attached form and bring it to school with you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jsulkowski@greenwichacademy.org. I hope you have a restful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Best,

Ms. Sulkowski

Group VI English Teacher

Group VI Summer Reading List (Choose any TWO)

Note: Choose what appeals to you! You do not need to annotate these books, and you are not required to have your own personal copy. You can borrow the book from your local library or read a digital copy if you prefer.

Fantasy/ Science Fiction

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Keeper of the Lost Cities (series) by Sharon Messenger
The Unwanteds by Lisa McMann
We're Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey

Historical Fiction

Lifeboat 12 or Lifeboat 5 by Susan Hood
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
The War that Saved my Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Mystery and Adventure

Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation (any title in series) by Stuart Gibbs
Abduction by John Grisham
Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead
Small Spaces/ Dead Voices/ Dark Waters/ Empty Smiles by Katherine Arden

Nonfiction

All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jaqueline Woodson
Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda

Realistic

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Not If I Can Help It by Carolyn Mackler
To Nightowl From Dogfish by Sloan and Wolitzer
Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim

Classics and Newbery Award Winners

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera
Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly

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Group VI English

Book Talks!

Note: Please choose a book from the reading list for your book talk (NOT *A Wrinkle in Time*). We will be sharing our summer books with each other in class by giving book talks, which are like short advertisements for books with an overview of the plot and what you liked best about the book. Fill this sheet out when you finish a book so that you can remember any important information to share. You will not need this sheet on the first day of school, but you should bring it during the first week.

Group VI Book Talk Quick Outline

1. Hook - Be Creative: _____

2. 2-3 Sentence Summary: _____

3. Best Part/ How did you feel while reading it? Why would someone want to read the book?

Checklist:

- ☐ Title
- ☐ Author
- ☐ Genre
- ☐ Plot overview without giving away the ending
- ☐ “I” and “you” statements (“I stayed up late reading this!” “You would like this if you....”)