

## 6-8 Recommended Reading List

**For their optional reading, students may select any title, but they may consult this list if they find suggestions helpful. Although some sections are designated for one grade level or another, students may choose a book from any of the lists. Those titles grouped by grade may suggest an appropriate reading level or connection to our social studies curriculum for that grade level, but all novels are possible choices. Enjoy your summer reading adventure!**

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*Walk Two Moons* or any book by Sharon Creech

*The Door by the Staircase* by Katherine Marsh

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* or  
*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

*The Dragonlance Chronicles* (any book) by Margaret  
and Tracy Hickman Weiss

*Sing Down the Moon* or *Island of the Blue Dolphins*  
by Scott O'Dell

*Wings of Fire Series* (any book) by Tui T. Sutherland

Any book by Gary Paulsen

*Keeper of the Lost Cities Series* (any book) by  
Shannon Messenger

*The Girl who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin

*White Fang* by Jack London

*Chester and Gus* by Cammie McGovern

*Roll of Thunder, Here My Cry* by Mildred Taylor

*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

*The Watson's go to Birmingham* or *Bud, Not Buddy*  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Island Series* (any book) by Gordon Korman

*Pegasus Mythic Collection Series* (any book) Kate  
O'Hearn

*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt

*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

*The Shadow Children Series* (any book) by Margaret  
Peterson Haddix

*Zahra's Paradise* (graphic novel) by Amir

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*The Egypt Game* by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

*Airman* or the *Artemis Fowl Series* (any book) by  
Eoin Colfer

*The Harry Potter Series* (any book) by J.K. Rowling

*The I Funny Series* (any book) by James Patterson

*Fablehaven Series* (any book) by Brandon Mull

*Gathering Blue, Messenger, Son* by Lois Lowry

*The Kane Chronicles, Percy Jackson Series, or  
Heroes of Olympus Series* (any book) by Rick  
Riordan

*The Alex Rider series* by Horowitz

*The Great Wide Sea* by Herlong

*The Sisters Grimm Series* (any book) by Michael Buckley

*Shadow Weaver Series* (any book) by MarcyKate  
Connolly

*A Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

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*Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Houston

*Making Bombs for Hitler* by Forchuk Skrypuch

*Somewhere There is Still a Sun* by Michael Greenbaum

*Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Vein

*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

*Flygirl* by Sherri L. Smith

*Nightwitches* by Kathryn Lasky

*Hiroshima* by John Hersey

*Journey to Topaz: A Story of the Japanese American Evacuation* by Yoshika Uchida

*Nothing* by Janne Teller and Martin Aitkin  
*Freedom Riders* by Raymond Arsenault

*Chains, or Forge, or Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

*Economix: How Our Economy Works (and Doesn't Work), in Words and Pictures* by Michael Goodwin (graphic novel)

*A Young People's History of the United States* (volumes 1 & 2) by Howard Zinn

*Students for a Democratic Society* (graphic novel) by Harvey Pekar

*The Cartoon History of the Modern World* (graphic novel) by Larry Gonick

*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*One for Sorrow* by Mary Downing Hahn

*The March* series by John Lewis, Aydin, and Powell (graphic novel)

*Boxers & Saints* by Gene Luen Yang (graphic novel)

*American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang (graphic novel)

*The Mortal Instruments* or *The Infernal Devices* series by Cassandra Clare

*The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner

*The Lord of the Rings* series – Tolkien

*The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz

Any book by Scott Westerfeld

*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

*The Inheritance Cycle Series* (any book) by Christopher Paolini

*H2O* by Virginia Bergen

*Extraordinary* by Miriam Spitzer Franklin

*Last Seen Leaving* by Caleb Roehrig