

CCS Middle School Summer Reading List
Rising 8th Grade

Each student must read one of the following:

R. Adams	<u>Watership Down</u>
L. M. Alcott	<u>Little Women</u>

Each student must read one of the following works of fiction:

Aeschylus	<u>The Oresteia</u> (trilogy of plays)
R. Bradbury	<u>Fahrenheit 451</u>
C. Bronte	<u>Jane Eyre</u>
J. Bunyan	<u>The Pilgrim's Progress</u>
L. Carroll	<u>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</u> & <u>Through the Looking Glass</u> (both)
A. Christie	<u>Murder on the Orient Express</u>
D. Defoe	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
C. Dickens	<u>A Tale of Two Cities</u>
Euripides	<u>Medea</u> (play)
Homer	<u>The Iliad</u>
C. Marshall	<u>Christy</u>
A. Miller	<u>Death of a Salesman</u> (play)
B. Orczy	<u>The Scarlet Pimpernel</u>
G. Orwell	<u>Animal Farm</u>
H. Pyle	<u>Men of Iron</u>
	<u>The Story of King Arthur and His Knights</u>
G. B. Shaw	<u>St. Joan</u> (play)
W. Shakespeare	<u>Antony and Cleopatra</u> (play)
	<u>The Comedy of Errors</u> (play)
	<u>Henry V</u> (play)
	<u>Richard III</u> (play)
J. R. R. Tolkien	<u>The Fellowship of the Ring</u>
	<u>The Two Towers</u>
	<u>The Return of the King</u>
T. H. White	<u>The Once and Future King</u>
T. Williams	<u>The Glass Menagerie</u> (play)
P. G. Wodehouse	<u>The Mating Season</u>
P. Zindel	<u>The Pigman</u>

Each student must read one of the following works of non-fiction:

M Angelou	<u>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</u>
J. H. Griffin	<u>Black Like Me</u>
J. Herriot	<u>All Creatures Great and Small</u>
P. Kreeft	<u>The Best Things in Life</u>
A. Lansing	<u>Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage</u>
C. S. Lewis	<u>Mere Christianity</u>
J. Lovell	<u>Apollo 13: Lost Moon</u>

N. Philbrick

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex
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Instructions, Rising 8th Grade

All incoming middle schoolers must read three books they've never read before. Seventh and eighth graders must read one required book and choose two others, one from each list. REVIEW THE LISTS CAREFULLY TO BE SURE YOU ARE CHOOSING THE RIGHT NUMBER OF BOOKS FROM THE RIGHT LISTS.

- ❑ What's my written assignment?

For each book, you must write a book report in the following format:

- 300-400 words in length
- Typed in Times New Roman, 12-point font OR handwritten in cursive
- Name, date, and title in top left corner
- In blue or black ink
- Double-spaced
- One-sided
- Stapled

Your report must include three paragraphs: the introduction, the body, and the conclusion. These paragraphs must include the following:

- The Introduction (title, author, genre, theme, and opinion of the book)
- The Body (summary of main points and/or key events)
- The Conclusion (restatement of opinion, thoughts about the book – positive or negative)

- ❑ When are the book reports due?

Reports are due on the third day of school.

- ❑ Where can I find the books?

Any book vendor will do, as long as the books are complete and unabridged. Nothing from the "Illustrated Classics" series is allowed! Below are a few suggested sources.

- Barnes and Noble
- Borders Books and Music
- The Book Nook (used) on Roswell Rd.
- Public library
- www.amazon.com
- www.bestbookbuys.com

- ❑ What if I don't like the book?

You must read the book from the required list, regardless of how you feel about it. However, feel free to hunt for a book you like from the other lists. If you get to the third or fourth chapter and still can't get into it, put it aside and choose another.

- ❑ May I just watch the movie?

No! Reading a book and watching a film are two completely different experiences. Don't be fooled into thinking you know the story just from the movie. Books are much more detailed and often differ greatly from their film versions. Read the book before seeing the movie. Then you can intelligently observe the changes and decide whether or not the filmmakers made good choices in adapting the original. Parents should view the films first for any inappropriate content.