



Middle School Summer Studies 2023

RISING 8TH GRADE

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Incoming Math 8: <https://www.khanacademy.org/join/XAKES9JX>

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading English

You are required to read **three** books this summer, although you are always encouraged to read more! Choose two books on your own and one from the list below. You will notice that all of the books below include a common thread of conflict: man v. society.

When choosing a book on your own, try to choose a book that captivates your attention and is appropriately challenging. You may choose a book of any genre. If you need some ideas, you can check out middle school reading lists [here](#) and [here](#). In addition, you must choose one book from the list below. Be sure to choose a book you have not already read!

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8th Grade Reader's Choice Book List

Title	Author	Summary	Genre	Common Sense Media Age Rating
<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i>	Agatha Christie	A man is found dead on the luxurious overnight train, with his door locked from the inside. Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, must solve the crime before the murderer strikes again.	Mystery	13+

<i>Dread Nation</i>	Justina Ireland	Jane McKeene was born two days before the dead began to walk the battlefields of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, ending the Civil War and changing the United States forever. In this new America, African Americans and Native Americans are required to attend combat schools to learn to put down the dead.	Horror/ Historical Fiction	Ages 13+
<i>The Fountains of Silence</i>	Ruta Sepetys	In the summer of 1957, Spain is under the dictatorship of General Francisco Franco and its citizens are terrified of resisting their leader and his cruel regime. Meanwhile, tourists and foreign businessmen flood into the country, including eighteen-year-old Daniel, the son of an oil tycoon. He soon meets Ana, whose family is grappling with the impact of living during the Spanish Civil War.	Historical Fiction	Ages 13+
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	This collection of free verse poems tells the story of Jacqueline Woodson's childhood, split between Ohio, South Carolina, and New York City. Her poems reflect what it was like for a young African American girl to grow up in the shadow of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the beginnings of her aspirations to be a writer.	Autobiography / Poetry	Ages 10+
<i>Scythe</i>	Neal Shusterman	In a world with no famine, disease, or war, two teens, Citra and Rowan, are selected to apprentice to a scythe. Scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so in order to keep the size of the population under control. Throughout the story, Citra and Rowan must master the art of killing to maintain the “perfect world” in which they exist.	Dystopian/ Science Fiction	Ages 12+

<i>Loving Vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case</i>	Patricia Hruby Powell	In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it.	Historical Fiction/Free Verse Poetry	Ages 12+
<i>The Sun is Also a Star</i>	Nicola Yoon	Two teenagers meet and fall for each other on one day in New York City. Sparks immediately fly between these two strangers, who might never have met had fate not given them a little push. With just hours left on the clock in what looks to be her last day in the U.S., Natasha is fighting against her family's deportation just as fiercely as she's fighting her growing feelings for Daniel.	Realistic Fiction	Ages 14+
<i>It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (YA Edition)</i>	Trevor Noah	Trevor Noah recounts the experience of having a black African mother and white European father during a time when interracial relationships were illegal in South Africa. Noah navigates through a childhood filled with poverty, discrimination, and uncertainty as a biracial person who does not know where he fits in under a racially stratified government. His storytelling is honest, poignant, and full of humor.	Biography	Ages 11+

Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading French

Lire obligatoirement un texte pour chaque thème.

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Réalisme et Naturalisme / Realism and Naturalism

La mort d'Olivier Bécaille, E. Zola

*Notre Dame de Paris, Victor Hugo **Texte abrégé** LDP jeunesse ***

Fantastique / Fantastic

L'Apparition de Maupassant :

<https://sites.google.com/site/lesnouvellesfantastiques/home/apparition-de-maupassant>

Le Veston Ensorcelé de Dino Buzzati :

<https://sites.google.com/site/lesnouvellesfantastiques/home/le-veston-ensorcele-de-buzzati>

N'importe quelle autre nouvelle du site :

<https://sites.google.com/site/lesnouvellesfantastiques/home>

Confrontation de valeurs / Conflicts

Marianne, George Sand (*Magnard collège*)

Iqbal, un enfant contre l'esclavage, F. D'adamo *

Cannibale, Daeninckx ***

Histoire d'amour / Love Stories

La Fille du Capitaine, Pouchkine *

L'Atlantide, Pierre Benoit, (*Magnard collège*)

Tristan et Iseult, Hachette Education Bibliocollège, 2015 **

Journalisme / Journalism

Il était un capitaine, B. Solet ***

Mémoire à vif d'un poilu de quinze ans de Arthur Ténor

Paris-Bagdad, Olivier Ravanello*

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7th Grade Required Book List

Title	Author	Summary	Genre	Common Sense Media Age Rating
<i>Outcasts United (YA Edition)</i>	Warren St. John	In this book, the author documents the experience of a soccer team in Georgia, but there is something that makes this team extraordinarily unique: it is composed of refugees from around the world. Their coach, Luma Mulfeh, a Jordanian woman on a journey of her own, guides her players through their personal struggles and transforms not only their lives, but the lives of everyone in the town.	Non Fiction	Ages 11+
<i>The Night Diary</i>	Veera Hiranandani	Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't really fit in. The year is 1947 and India has recently declared independence from British rule. But India has separated into two nations; Pakistan and India. The religious tensions at the border have erupted into a full-fledged war. Nisha and her father become refugees and must escape Pakistan to their new home in India.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+

<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz	This book weaves together three distinct stories about the experiences of refugees. Josef is a Jewish boy escaping Nazi Germany in the 1930s, Isabel is 14-year-old fleeing Cuba in 1994, and Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. Despite the differences that divide them, these young people are bound by powerful connections.	Historical Fiction	Ages 11+
<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	Ruta Sepetys	Lina is a Lithuanian teenager whose world changes when WWII arrives at her front door. One night, Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, Lina, her mother, and her young brother travel to a prison camp in frozen Siberia. There, they are forced to fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions.	Historical Fiction	Ages 13+
<i>Akata Witch</i>	Nnedi Okorafor	Born in New York, but living in Nigeria, twelve-year old Sunny is out of place wherever she goes. She is also albino, something for which she has been bullied her whole life. She finally begins to make sense of her world when she realizes she has magical powers. Together with her fellow students of magic, she tries to capture a killer on the loose.	Fantasy	Ages 12+
<i>The Arrival</i>	Shaun Tan	This wordless novel tells the story of an immigrant as he escapes from the conflict in his home country and struggles to adapt to a new, magical world.	Graphic Novel	Ages 9+
<i>A Long Walk to Water</i>	Linda Sue Park	This fast-paced novel is based on the true story of Salva Dut, a refugee who escaped the civil war in Sudan. During this harrowing journey, he leads a group of 150 Lost Boys to safety, eventually settling in New York.	Nonfiction	Ages 11+
<i>The War that Saved My Life</i>	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading French

- 1 Lecture **obligatoire** pendant l'été / 1 **Mandatory summer reading**

Please **choose one** of following -

- *Tobie Lolness, Timothée de Fombelle*
- *Les Oubliés de Vulcain, D. Martinigol*

You can also find the **audio files and a PDF version of the book** for

- *Les Oubliés de Vulcain* [here](#).
- *Tobie Lolness* [Pdf](#) [Audio](#)

Rising 7th Graders received a copy of the book they chose, before the end of the school year. [If your child is new to SDFAS](#), you can use the links above to access the pdf and audio versions of the books.

Les élèves de 5e (7th grade) ont reçu une copie du livre qu'ils ont choisi. [Si votre enfant est nouveau à SDFAS](#), vous pouvez utiliser les liens ci-dessus pour accéder aux livres en versions pdf et audio.

- Si vous souhaitez lire d'autres livres cet été, vous pouvez également choisir un titre dans la liste ci-dessous :

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Exploration et Aventures / Exploration and Adventures

Le voyage inspiré, JC Noguès, le livre de poche jeunesse 2015 **

L'île mystérieuse, Jules Verne, Le livre de poche jeunesse **texte abrégé** **

L'île au trésor, Louis Stevenson, Le livre de poche jeunesse **

Le monde perdu, AC Doyle, Gallimard folio junior, 2009 **

Romans d'apprentissage / Coming of age novels

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En pleine lucarne, Ph. Delerme, Gallimard folio junior, 2009 *

35 kilos d'espoir, A. Gavalda, Bayard édition, 2002 *

Les quatre filles du Dr March, LM Alcott, Le livre de poche jeunesse, 2014 **

Un élève de trop, J. Jarman, Le livre de poche jeunesse 2001 *

Le Robinson du métro, Felice Holman, Casterman *

Le temps des miracles, Anne-Laure Bondoux, bayard **

Vipère au poing, Hervé Bazin, J'ai Lu ***

Mondes imaginaires / Imaginary worlds

La Verluissette, Roberto Piumini, Le livre de poche jeunesse 2007 **

Les Voyages de Gulliver, Jonathan Swift, Le livre de poche jeunesse *

Les Orphelines D'Abbey Road, Audren, L'école des loisirs, 2012 *

L'histoire Sans fin, M. Ende, Le livre de poche 2008 *

La Douane Volante, F. Place, Gallimard Roman ado, 2010 **

Les Eveilleurs tome 1, Pauline Alpen, Le Livre de poche jeunesse **

Héros et Héroïsme / Heroes and Heroism

Tristan et Iseult, Hachette Education Bibliocollège, 2015 ***

Les Chevaliers du roi Arthur, O. Weulersse, Pocket Jeunesse 2005 *

Le Roi Arthur, M. Morpurgo, Gallimard Folio Junior, 2007 *

L'épopée de Gilgamesh, J. Cassabois, Le livre de poche jeunesse 2014 **

Je suis un Homme. Martin Luther King, Oskar Edition, 2011 *

Les trois mousquetaires, Alexandre Dumas, Le livre de poche jeunesse 2014 **

Ecologie et biodiversité / Ecology and Biodiversity

Les Manges Forêts, K. Aldany, Nathan 2005 *

Les Nouvelles Vertes, Thierry Magnier Jeunesse 2005 **

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and read *A Tale Dark & Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz. This is a creative new take on the tale of Hansel and Gretel as they follow adventures through various classic fairy tales.

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<https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-lists>

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/lists/best-books-for-sixth-graders>

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/blog/books-tweens-and-teens-recommend-to-friends>

Title	Author	Summary	Genre	Common Sense Media Age Rating
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen	Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake--and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure.	Adventure	Ages 11+
<i>Before the Ever After</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. As a charming, talented pro football star, he's beloved to his family and community; however, his behavior has recently begun to change. This free verse novel describes the impact of the head injuries that he sustained during his football career	Realistic Fiction / Poetry	Ages 10+
<i>Ghost</i>	Jason Reynolds	Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race—and wins—the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent.	Realistic Fiction	Ages 10+

<i>Echo</i>	Pam Munos Ryan	Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest involving a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California each, in turn, become interwoven when the very same harmonica lands in their lives. All the children face daunting challenges: rescuing a father, protecting a brother, holding a family together.	Historical Fiction / Fantasy	Ages 11+
<i>Inside Out and Back Again</i>	Thanhha Lai	At the age of 10, Hà has only known Saigon. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed towards the United States, and towards a new life full of hope.	Poetry	Ages 10+
<i>Fever 1973</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Mattie Cook lives in Philadelphia in 1973. Her normal life is uprooted when disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.	Historical Fiction	Ages 10+
<i>When You Reach Me</i>	Rebecca Stead	Miranda is an ordinary sixth grader, until she starts receiving mysterious messages from somebody who knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragic death. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.	Science Fiction	Ages 10+

Rising 6th Grade Summer Reading French

- **1 Lecture obligatoire** pendant l'été - (**1 Mandatory reading**)

Lecture obligatoire : *La Bibliothécaire* , de Gudule

Lien livre [audio](#) and lien [pdf du livre](#)

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Activité carnet de lecteur : Illustrez votre passage préféré du livre. Notez sur votre dessin de quel chapitre il s'agit et expliquez en quelques phrases pourquoi ce passage vous semble intéressant, drôle ou important.

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HISTOIRE

- E. Bulwer-Lytton : Les Derniers jours de Pompéi, Livre de Poche **
- S. de Mullenheim Chrétiens des catacombes (série) éd. du Triomphe **
- N. Hawthorne La Toison d'or, coll. Classiques, l'École des loisirs **
- Th. Gautier Le Roman de la momie, L'École des loisirs **
- O. Weulersse Les Pilleurs de sarcophages, l'École des loisirs **
- O. Weulersse Le Chevalier au bouclier vert, Le Livre de Poche *
- O. Weulersse Le Serment des catacombes, Le Livre de Poche **
- A. Pietri Les Orangers de Versailles , Bayard Jeunesse *

CONTES ET FABLES

- M. Aymé Contes du chat perché, Gallimard Jeunesse *
- A. Daudet Les Lettres de mon moulin Petits classiques Larousse **
- M. Genevoix L'Hirondelle qui fit le printemps, Flammarion (non réédité) **
- J. Giono L'Homme qui plantait des arbres, Folio cadet **
- R. Kipling Histoires comme ça, Magnard *
- J. de La Fontaine, Fables, Petits classiques Larousse **
- E. Orsenna La Grammaire est une chanson douce, Le Livre de Poche *

AVENTURE

- A. Dumas Les Trois Mousquetaires, **version abrégée**, éd. Tourbillon **
D. Defoe Robinson Crusoé, **version abrégée**, éd. Tourbillon **
R. Frison-Roche Premier de cordée, Flammarion jeunesse ***
R. Kipling Le Livre de la jungle, éd. Tourbillon **
J. London Croc-Blanc, Gallimard jeunesse **
 L'Appel de la forêt, éd. Tourbillon ou Gallimard jeunesse **
P. Mac Orlan Les Clients du bon chien jaune, Folio junior *
H. Melville Moby Dick, **classiques abrégés**, l'École des loisirs **
Saint-Exupéry Vol de nuit, Folio plus ***
J.K Rowling - Harry Potter (la série) *
R.L. Stevenson L'Île au trésor, Petits classiques Larousse ***
J.R.R. Tolkien Bilbo le Hobbit, Le Livre de Poche **
J. Verne Deux ans de vacances, Classiques Hatier **

RÉCITS D'ENFANCE ET D'ADOLESCENCE

- H. Bosco L'Enfant et la rivière, Folio plus **
 Le Renard dans l'île, Folio junior
F.H. Burnett Le Petit Lord Fauntleroy, Le Livre de Poche ***
A.J. Cronin Les Vertes années, Le Livre de Poche **
Ch. Dickens Oliver Twist, L'École des loisirs **
M. Druon Tistou les pouces verts, Petits classiques, Larousse *
H. Malot Sans famille (2 tomes), classiques abrégés, L'École des loisirs **
L. May Alcott Les Quatre filles du Dr March, Folio Junior ***

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