

Summer Reading List 2020

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The following summer reading list has been developed by the humanities department. All of the books on the list are optional except for Johnny Tremain. So, students for those levels can choose from those books for levels 1, 2, and 5. Level 4 does not have a suggested reading list. All courses have required summer assignments in addition to the optional reading lists.

Level 1: (Ancient Lit)

Accessible List:

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli

Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman

Geronimo: Apache Freedom Fighter by Spring Hermann

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Intermediate List:

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

The Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

My Name is Asher Lev, Chaim Potok

Challenging Books:

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
Macbeth by William Shakespeare
The Last of the Mohicans, James Fenimore Cooper
It Can't Happen Here, Sinclair Lewis
In the Time of the Butterflies, Julia Alvarez
My Antonia, Willa Cather

Level 2 (Medieval Lit):

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery by Russell Freedman
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi
Summer of My German Soldier by Bette Greene
Outwalkers by Fiona Shaw
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld
Nothing But the Truth by Avi
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne
Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Newton Peck
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Little Men by Louisa May Alcott
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
My Antonia by Willa Cather
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery
Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Level 3 (US Lit I):

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes (Required as summer assignment)

Level 5 (US Lit II):

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Complete Tales and Poems by Edgar Allan Poe

Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman

The Piazza Tales by Herman Melville

Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser

Walden by Henry David Thoreau

Many Travelled Roads by Hamlin Garland

House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Winesburg Ohio by Sherwood Anderson

White Fang by Jack London