

## **Reading List:**

**High School List is given first. Middle School list is given second.**

This is a listing of books that we feel offers a wide selection of choices from many genres and time periods. Perhaps you would like to try a classic piece, or a mystery, or fantasy, or historical fiction. Perhaps you aren't sure - look in the "General" category. Reading allows you to sit down, and walk into a different world, or way of thinking. Find a book, a comfy spot, with a cool breeze, have a glass of lemonade nearby, and enjoy.

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

**Grade 8 going into 9 - 12 Dialectic Journal Entries**

**Grade 9 going into 10 - 12 Dialectic Journal Entries**

**Grade 10 going into 11 - 13 Dialectical Journal Entries**

**Grade 11 going into 12 - 14 Dialectic Journal Entries**

**Seniors going to College - Just kidding. Good luck class of 2025**

## **Mysteries**

The Best of Mystery: 63 Short Stories Chosen by Alfred Hitchcock

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie

The Magpie Mysteries by Anthony Horowitz

Mrs. Thistlethwaite and the Magpie by J.B. Hawker

## **General**

The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Sold on a Monday by Kristana McMorris

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

A Dog's Purpose by Bruce Cameron

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Fault of Our Stars by John Green

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina

The Absolute True Story of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher  
Stars Go Blue by Laura Pritchett  
Sparrow by Sarah Moon  
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho  
Goodbye Days by Jeff Zenner  
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

### **Classics**

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck  
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens  
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens  
The Old Curiosity Shop by Charles Dickens  
Bleak House by Charles Dickens  
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte  
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte  
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte  
Wuthering Heights by Charlotte Bronte  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne  
The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
Emma by Jane Austen  
Pride And Prejudice by Jane Austen  
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen  
Cannery Row by John Steinbeck  
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller  
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemmingway  
Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

### **Sci-Fi**

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card  
Binti by Nnedi Okorafor (Nigerian)  
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer  
The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton

### **Dystopian**

Unwind Series by Neal Shusterman  
City of Ember Series by Jean DuPrau  
Hunger Game Series by Suzanne Collins

The Man in the High Castle by Phillip K. Dick  
Divergent by Veronica Roth Set  
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley  
Animal Farm by George Orwell

### **Fantasy**

Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle  
Strange the Dreamer by Lani Taylor  
The Reader by Traci Chee  
The Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo  
Six of Crows Duology by Leigh Bardugo  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians set by Rick Riordan  
The Builders of Rollrock Island by Margo Lnangan  
Watership Down by Richard Adams  
Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings by JRR Tolkein  
Harry Potter Series by JK Rowling

### **Diversity**

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros  
Piecing Me Together by Renee Waton  
Beloved by Toni Morrison  
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiehie  
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan  
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds  
The Color Purple by Alice Walker  
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston  
The Help by Katherine Stockert

### **Non-Fiction**

Looking for Alaska by John Green  
The 59 Bus by Dashka Slater  
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park  
Dead Mountain by Donnie Echar  
Walk to Beautiful by Jimmy Wayne  
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng  
Flags of our Fathers by James Bradley  
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai  
Shaken by Tim Tebow

Five Feet Apart by Rachel Lippincott  
Malcolm X Autobiography as Told by Alex Haley  
Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes Affect Us and What We Can Do

### **Holocaust**

The Book Thief by Marcu Zusak Knoph  
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys  
The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe  
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

### **Historical Fiction**

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan  
The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry  
Telegram for Mr. Mooney by Cate Ruane  
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Foer

### **Sports**

The Boys of Summer by Roger Kahn  
Ball Four by Jim Bouton  
A Season on the Brink by John Feinstein  
Paper Lion by George Plimpton  
Semi-Tough by Dan Jenkins  
Friday Night Lights by H.G.Bissinger  
The Game by Ken Dryden  
Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand  
Bang the Drum Slowly by Mark Harris  
The Natural by Bernard Malamud  
Shoeless Joe by W.P. Kinsella

### **Autobiographies/Biographies**

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley and Malcolm X  
An Hour Before Daylight a Memoir by Jimmy Carter  
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Locks by Rebecca Skloot  
Notorious RBG by Carmon and Knizhnik  
Pope Francis Hope the Autobiography by Pope Francis  
Washington by Ron Chernow

## **Ghost/Scary**

Frankenstein by Mary Shelly

Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier

The Picture of Dorian Grey by Oscar Wilde

The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins

Dracula by Bram Stoker

Suggested authors:

Edgar Allen Poe

Stephen King

Dean Koontz

Bram Stoker

Shirley Jackson

H.P. Lovecraft

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## **Poetry**

Poetry is accessible to all ages at different levels.

The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman

Gmorning, Gnight! By Lin-Manuel Miranda

The Dark Between the Stars by Atticus

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

Consider different poets: Emily Dickens, Robert Frost, Walt Whitman,  
E.E. Cummings, Shel Silverstein, Oscar Wilde, Dylan Thomas, Pablo Neruda,  
T.S. Eliot, Joyce Carol Oates, Seamus Heaney, Fleur Adcock

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## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Incoming 6th graders - 8 Dialectic Journal Entries**

**Grade 6 going into 7 - 9 Dialectic Journal Entries**

**Grade 7 going into 8 - 10 Dialectic Journal Entries**

### **Mysteries**

Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty

The National Parks Mystery Series by Aaron Johnson

The Shadow Jumper by J.M. Forster

The Feather Chase by Shannon L. Brown

Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman

The Virginia Mysteries by Steven K. Smith

The Hardy Boys by Franklin Dixon

Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene

### **General**

Restart by Gordon Korman

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Noticing by Kobi Yamada

Spy School the Graphic Novel by Stuart Gibbs

Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas by Jonathan W. Stokes

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

On My Way Home by Joseph Trencher

Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe by Jo Watson Hackl

House Arrest by K.A. Holt

We Were Liars by e.lockhart

The Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson

I Funny: A Middle school Story by James Patteson

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon

### **Survival**

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Holes by Louis Sachar

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

### **Classics**

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Treasury of Greek Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

Narnia by C.S. Lewis  
Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan  
The Push Cart War by Jan Merrill  
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery  
The Call of the Wild by Jack London  
Peter Pan by J.M. Barre  
The Witch of Blackbird Pond  
An Old Fashioned Girl by Louisa May Alcott

### **Sci-Fi**

Diary of a Martian: The Discovery by Stephen B. Haunts  
Escape From a Video Game by Dustin Brady  
The Proto Project Project by BryanR. Johnson  
Earthrise by Daniel Arenson  
The Cosmic Fall by Rae Knightly  
Ender's Game by Orson Scottcard  
Unwind by Neal Shusterman

### **Dystopian**

The City of Embers by Jeanne DuPrau  
Alone by Megan E. Freeman  
The Maze Runner by James Dashner  
The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera  
Uglies by Scott Westerfeld  
The Knowledge Seeker by Rae Knightly

### **Fantasy**

The Girl Who Looked Beyond the Stars by L.B. Anne  
Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan  
Hook's Daughter by R.V. Bowman  
Reflection A Twisted TAle by Elizabeth Lim  
The Book of Chaos by Jessica Renwick  
Trial of Apollo by Rick Riordan  
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket  
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis  
Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carzson Levine

**Diversity**

Starfish by Lisa Fipps

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller

Freewater by Amina Luqman-Dawson

The Watsons Go To Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Non-Fiction**

Mental Toughness for Young Athletes by Troy Horne

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of WWII by Joseph Bruchac

The Finest Hours (Young Readers Edition): The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue  
By Michael Tougias

**Holocaust**

47 Days by Annette Openlander

Tutti's Promise by K. Keidi Fishman

Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis by Susan Hood

White Bird: A Wonder Story (A graphic novel) by R.J. Palacio

**Historical Fiction**

Once by Morris Gleitzman

Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy by S. Reit

Risuko: A Kunoichi Tale (Season of the Sword) by David Kudler

The True Confession of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Crispin by Avi

**Sports**

Camp Legend by Greyson Gray

Mental Toughness for Young Athletes

Inspirational Sports Stories for Young Readers by Kurt Taylor

**Ghosts/Scary**

The Mystery of Darkhill School by CJ Loughty

The Haunting of Elmwood Manor: A Pekin Dewlap Mysteries by Pamela McCord



City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab  
The Girl in the Locked Room by Mary Downing Hahn  
Follow Me by K.R. Alexander  
Battlefield Ghosts (True Hauntings #2) by Dinah Williams  
Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Swartz  
Ghost Stories for kids by Bernard Shaw  
Arthur Blackwood's Scary Stories for Kids by A.M. Luzzader  
Ronald Dahl's book of Ghost Stories by Roald Dahl