

8th Grade American Studies Summer Reading

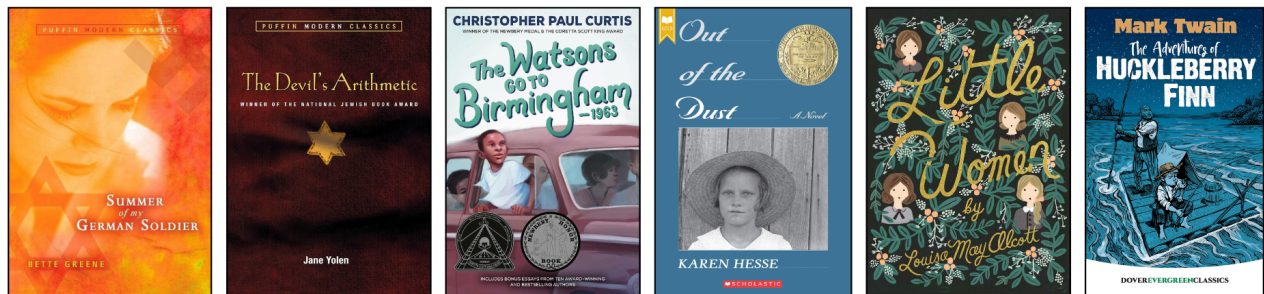
You will read **TWO** books.

Literature – Mrs. Moore

1. Choose ONE from the list below:

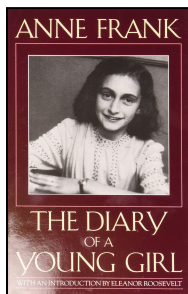
- *Summer of My German Soldier* by Bette Green (World War II - love story)
- *The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen (World War II - Holocaust time)
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis (racial unrest - 1960's)
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse (Dust Bowl)
- *Little Women* by Louise May Alcott (Civil War time in the North)
- *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (1830's along the Mississippi River)

Assignment: Imagine that the main character of your novel moved to **your town** and went to **your school**. Explain how their life would change and how it would stay the same. Use imagery – who, what, when, where, why, how – in your writing. Your response should be one-page and typed in MLA format. Keep in mind that Mrs. Moore knows your writing style and will be asking you to complete an additional assignment in class.



History – Ms. Blanton

2. The other book you will read is *The Diary of a Young Girl: Anne Frank*



Assignment: Imagine Anne Frank had her diary for one more day. Write a one-page (typed) diary entry **from Anne's point of view** where you use **your own family as the residents of the home where she was hiding**. Your response should be one-page and typed in MLA format.

Please email vblanton@valwood.org or cmoore@valwood.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to a great year in American Studies!