



Middle School Summer Reading List 2019-2020

6th Literature: Read either Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins or Divergent by Veronica Roth.

Complete the summer reading assignment below during (or after) reading either The Hunger Games or Divergent. Ensure that your responses are thoughtful and written in complete sentences. Your responses should reflect your understanding of the text, use textual evidence to defend your responses.

Click here for [HUNGER GAMES](#); Click here for [DIVERGENT](#).

6th Geography: Read The Seven Wonders of Sasfras Springs by Betty G. Birney.

We will analyze the book and complete a poster project the first week of school.

7th Grade: Read The Sign of the Beaver and The Witch of Blackbird Pond both by Elizabeth George Speare.

Assignment for The Sign of the Beaver:

Please choose **either Option A or Option B** and complete all sections of that choice. The option forms are below. For both assignments, you should use your neatest handwriting or type your assignments, using proper punctuation, and correct spelling.

- A. [READING RESPONSE QUESTIONS](#) - Complete the reading response questions which require written responses to each - You may do so during reading or after each chapter.
- B. [BOOKMARKS](#) - Use the topic bookmarks and fill out each bookmark while reading - You may decide to cut out each bookmark. If you do, please make sure you keep all of them together and clipped in a pile.

Assignment for The Witch of Blackbird Pond:

Please choose **either Option A or Option B** of the following assignments to complete. For both assignments, you should use your neatest handwriting or type your assignments, using proper punctuation, and correct spelling.

- A. Though the novel takes place more than three centuries ago, it focuses on values - such as compassion - that are still important today. Explain the importance of compassion in a one-page paper. Use examples from the novel to show why and how compassion can outweigh other values. What lessons can people learn from reading this book?
 - B. In the opening chapters of the book, Kit often thinks of her old home. She notices the many ways her new surroundings in Connecticut are different from Barbados. You, as the reader, may notice even more differences. As you read, list details and emotions that contrast Kit's old life with her new life.
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8th Grade: You will read two books. Please see selections below.

Select one of the books below to READ:

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 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)

Write a one-page (typed) summary of the book. Include what makes the book “historical fiction.”

Read Diary of a Young Girl: Anne Frank

Write a one-page (typed) paper describing Anne Frank and what you learned about her attitude. If you need a copy of this book (Diary of a Young Girl: Anne Frank), please see me or Mrs. Parrish before you leave for summer break and we let you borrow one.

I hope you enjoy the books that you read this summer.

If you have any questions, email vblanton@valwood.org

I am looking forward to a great year in 8th grade American Studies.

-Vallye Blanton