

SUMMER READING BOOKLIST

Seventh Grade:

Tiger Eyes by Judy Blume –

Her father is killed during a robbery of his 7-Eleven Store in Atlantic City. Her mother and brother move to New Mexico to try to rebuild their lives.

Eighth Grade:

A Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck

This is a tale of a boy's struggle with adolescence and the responsibility of manhood. His illiterate parents teach him the value of hard work and the value of an education.

English I:

Lord of the Flies by William Goldring

Set during World War II, the story describes the plight of a group of British schoolboys stranded on a Pacific island after their plane was shot down while in route to England. The boys struggle with “the end of innocence” and “the darkness of man's heart.”

Honors English I:

Lord of the Flies by William Goldring

AND

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

A young girl grows up fast when her lawyer father defends a black man accused of raping a white woman.

English II:

Go Tell it on the Mountain by James Baldwin

The course of the fourteenth birthday of John Grimes in Harlem during 1935 is described. There are extended flashback episodes to recount the lives of John's parents and aunt and to link this urban boy in the North to his slave grandmother in an earlier South.

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AND

Animal Farm by George Orwell

This satirical fable set on Manor Farm, a typical English farm, is told by a third-person narrator, who reports events without commenting on them directly. The narrator describes events of rebellion as the animals perceive them.

English III:

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

In the Puritan New England town of Salem, Massachusetts, a group of girls goes dancing in the forest with a black salve named Tituba. While dancing, they are caught by the local minister, Reverend Parris. This begins a chain of events that lead to a witch hunt.

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AND

Death Be Not Proud by John Gunther

Johnny Gunther lived in Vienna and London when he was young, attended Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts, and died in 1947 at the age of seventeen, after a fifteen-month-long illness. This memoir is about what Johnny courageously endured.

English IV:

Crystal Cave by Mary Stewart

The Crystal Cave is a story of the life of Merlin before he became associated with King Arthur. The book begins with a Prologue, where Merlin describes being an old man reminiscing on the past.

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AND

The Odyssey by Homer (please be sure to get Robert Fitzgerald's translation)

Ten years have passed since the fall of Troy, and the Greek hero Odysseus still has not returned to his kingdom in Ithaca. This epic poem tells of his journey home.