

Hunter Middle Summer Reading Plan

Goal: All students will read a minimum of 3 books in the summer.

Summer Reading Books #1 and #2: Student Choice Books

- Students can choose any two books they would like to read over the summer.
- Should be read over the summer and recorded on reading logs. Get reading logs signed by a parent.

Summer Reading Book #3: Non-Fiction Book from the School Non-Fiction List

- Must be chosen from the attached list and on your reading level.
- Should be read over the summer and recorded on a reading log. Reading log **MUST** be signed by a parent or guardian.
- You will be writing about the book when you return to school or taking a test on the book.
- Please read this book later in the summer so it will be fresh on your mind when school starts.

Summer Reading Extra Credit: Read Two more student choice books

- Read two more student choice books and record your reading on a reading log, for a total of 5 books read.
- Complete and submit to your ELA teacher a quality, student made extra credit project (see attached for choices) on any fiction book from this summer
- Satisfactory completion and submission to ELA teacher of all extra credit results in eligibility for the summer reading party!

Timeline of Summer Reading

May	June	July	August
-Decide which books you would like to read over the summer.	-Read your books of choice -Log reading	-Read your non-fiction book -Read your books of choice for extra credit -Log Reading -Plan extra credit	-Finish extra credit -Make sure reading logs are signed -Bring novel study book on the 1st day of school

Novel Study Book: First Book of the 2022-2023 School Year! YOU WILL READ THIS ONE AT SCHOOL!

- Each grade level will have its own choices. Please, see attached list.
- Bring this book to ELA class on the 1st day of school. It will be your first independent reading book for ELA class in August.

Choice Book Options	Level	Book Summaries
Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald Available through the SORA app	KLM 2nd-4th grade reading level	Shrink, shrank, shrunk! Every morning, Judy Moody measures Stink and it's always the same: three feet, eight inches tall. Stink feels like even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then, one day, the ruler reads -- can it be? -- three feet, seven and three quarters inches! Is Stink shrinking? He tries everything to look like he's growing, but wearing up-and-down stripes and spiking his hair aren't fooling anyone into thinking he's taller. If only he could ask James Madison -- Stink's hero, and the shortest person ever to serve as President of the United States.
The Lucky Baseball Bat by Matt Christopher Available through the SORA app	KLM 2nd-4th grade reading level	Martin is new to the neighborhood, and wants to make a good impression on his new teammates. But when he loses his lucky baseball bat, Martin fears that he has also lost his ability to play baseball. Will Martin be able to continue his winning streak without the bat?
The Littles by John Peterson	KLM 2nd-4th grade reading level	The Littles is a timeless favorite that's been enjoyed for decades. Ready to grab the attention of a new generation, fresh cover art brings an updated look to this classic series. Meet the Littles, a family like any other but with a few tiny differences! They live in the walls of the Bigg family house where they get everything they need. In return they make sure the Bigg House is always in good repair. When the Biggs go away for the summer the Newcombs come to stay in their house. And the Newcombs are slobs! The mess the Newcombs make attracts one of the Littles biggest enemies: mice! Just when it seems like things can't get any worse, they bring a can to live with them. How will this little family get out of such big trouble?
Summer Reading is Killing Me by Jon Scieszka Audiobook available through the SORA app	NOPQ 3rd-4th grade reading level	Fred, Sam, and Joe discover their summer vacation plans do involve reading when "The Book" takes them on an adventure they are not sure they can return from.
El Deafo by Cece Bell Available through the SORA app	NOPQ 3rd-4th grade reading level	Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid. The Phonic Ear gives Cece the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her as she is. After some trouble, she is finally able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become "El Deafo, Listener for All." And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.
Vote! The Complicated Life of Claudia Cortez by Diana Gallasher Available through the SORA app	NOPQ 3rd-4th grade reading level	Claudia's seventh-grade class elections. It is the same every year: the same kids run, and the same kids win. Promises are broken, and nobody cares. This year, it's going to be different. Claudia's friend Peter is running for class president. He's smart and honest, but can he win the election? He insists on having a clean campaign, and everyone else is playing dirty!

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen Available through the SORA app	RST 4th-5th grade reading level	Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. Suddenly, Brian finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a tattered Windbreaker and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present—and the dreadful secret that has been tearing him apart since his parent’s divorce. But now Brian has no time for anger, self pity, or despair—it will take all his know-how and determination, and more courage than he knew he possessed, to survive.
Cake Pop Crush by Suzanne Nelson Available through the SORA app	RST 4th-5th grade reading level	Alicia Ramirez has always loved baking. Her family owns Say It With Flour, the small bakery in town. And Ali’s specialties are cake pops: delicious confections on a stick. But Ali’s sweet life turns sour when a sleek coffee shop opens across the street, giving her bakery a run for its money. Worst of all, the owner’s son, Dane McGuire, likes to bake, too. He’s the new kid in Ali’s school ... and happens to be annoyingly cute. When Dane and Ali engage in a bake-off to prove who is the cake-pop master, it’s Ali’s chance to save Say It With Flour. But will she be able to rise to occasion ... and ignore what her heart might be telling her?
Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman Audiobook available through the SORA app	RST 4th-5th grade reading level	Eddie Ball has the chance of a lifetime: to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot during halftime at the NBA finals, no less. But someone really wants Eddie to shoot an air ball on the big day, and will do anything to sabotage the million dollar shot...
Peak by Rowland Smith Available through the SORA app	RST 4th-5th grade reading level	<i>The only thing you’ll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below.</i> -Peak Marcello. After fourteen-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he’s left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learned that his father’s renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big Strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit—and his notices are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it’s also one that could cost him his life. Roland Smith has created an action-packed adventure about friendship, sacrifice, family, and the five to take on Everest, despite the incredible risk. The story of Peak’s dangerous ascent—told in his own words—is suspenseful, immediate, and impossible to put down,
The Big Field by Mike Lupica Available through the SORA app	UVW 5th-6th grade reading level	Playing shortstop is a way of life for Hutch—not only is his hero, Derek Jeter, a shortstop, but so was his father, a former local legend turned pro. Which is why having to play second base feels like demotion to second team. But Hutch is nothing if not a team player, and he’s cool with playing in D-Will’s shadow—until, that is, the two shortstops in Hutch’s life betray him in a way he never could have imagined. With the league championship on the line, just how far is Hutch willing to bend to be a good teammate.
The Girl With the Silver Eyes by Willo Davis Roberts Audiobook available through the SORA app	UVW 5th-6th grade reading level	Katie Welker is used to being alone. She would rather read a book than deal with other people. Other people don’t have silver eyes. Other people can’t make things happen just by thinking about them! But these special powers make Katie unusual, and it’s hard to make friends when you’re unusual. Katie knows that she’s different but she’s never done anything to hurt anyone so why is everyone afraid of her? Maybe there are other kids out there who have the same silver eyes . . . and the same talents . . . and maybe they’ll be willing to help her.
You’re Bacon Me Crazy by Suzanne Nelson Available through the SORA app	UVW 5th-6th grade	Tessa loves working at the trendy food truck her aunt runs in their native San Francisco. Serving yummy BLT’s to her classmates after school, Tessa feels like she’s living the dream. Then the dream turns into a nightmare. Popular, arrogant Asher starts working at the truck! He can’t make a sandwich to save his life, and he’s frustratingly cute. But when the city’s big

	reading level	food-truck festival is canceled, the future of the truck is suddenly at stake. Can Tessa and Asher set aside their differences and work together to save the truck? And will Tessa finally admit to herself how she really feels... about Asher?
Slacker By Gordon Korman Available through the SORA app	UVW 5th-6th grade reading level	Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, hanging out with his friends, and gaming for hours in his basement. It's not too hard for him to get away with it... until he gets so caught up in one game that he almost lets his house burn down around him. Oops. It's time for some serious damage control -- so Cameron and his friends invent a fake school club that will make it seem like they're doing good deeds instead of slacking off. The problem? Some kids think the club is real -- and Cameron is stuck being president. Soon Cameron is part of a mission to save a beaver named Elvis from certain extinction. Along the way everything... and it's going to take all his slacker skills to win this round.
Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool Available through the SORA app	UVW 5th-6th grade reading level	From the author of Newbery Medal winner <i>Moon Over Manifest</i> comes the odyssey-like adventure of two boys' incredible quest on the Appalachian Trail. When Jack Baker's father sends him home in Kansas to attend a boy's boarding school. In Maine, Jack doesn't know what to expect. Certainly not Early Auden, the strangest of the boys. Early keeps to himself, reads the number pi as a story, and refuses to accept truths others take for granted. Jack, feeling lonely and out of place, connects with Early, and the two become friends. During a break from school, the boys set out for the Appalachian Trail on a quest for a great black bear. As Jack and Early travel deeper into the mountains, they meet peculiar and dangerous characters, and they make some shocking discoveries. But their adventure is only just beginning. Will Jack's and Early's friendship last the journey? Can the boys make it home alive?
Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood	UVW 5th-6th grade reading level	A Mississippi town in 1964 gets riled when tempers flare at the segregated public pool. As much as Gloriana June Hemphill, or Glory as everyone knows her, wants to turn twelve, there are times when Glory wishes she could turn back the clock a year. Jesslyn, her sister and former confidante, no longer has the time of day for her now that she'll be entering high school. Then there's her best friend, Frankie. Things have always been so easy with Frankie, and now suddenly they aren't. Maybe it's the new girl from the North that's got everyone out of sorts. Or maybe it's the debate about whether or not the town should keep the segregated public pool open. Augusta Scattergood has drawn on real-life events to create a memorable novel about family, friendship, and choices that aren't always easy.
Refugee by Alan Gratz Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930's Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world. . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America. MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe. . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drawings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the home of tomorrow. And although Joseph, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.
Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	10 concentration camps, 10 different where you are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It's something no one could imagine surviving. But it is what Yanek Gruener has to face. As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner -- His arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087. He is forced from one nightmarish concentration camp to another, as World War II rages all around him. He encounters evil he could have never imagined, but also sees surprising glimpses of hope amid the horror. He just barely escapes death, only to confront it again seconds later. Can Yanek make it through the terror without losing his hope, he will -- and, most of all, his sense of who he really is inside? Based on an astonishing true story.

<p>Cinder</p> <p>By Marissa Meyer</p> <p>Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ</p> <p>6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl... Cinder, a gifted mechanic, is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction. Caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.</p>
<p>Among the Hidden: Shadow Children</p> <p>by Margaret Haddix</p> <p>Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ</p> <p>6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke, an illegal third child, has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm in this start to the Shadow Children series from Margaret Peterson Haddix.</p> <p>Luke has never been to school. He's never had a birthday party, or gone to a friend's house for an overnight. In fact, Luke has never had a friend.</p> <p>Luke is one of the shadow children, a third child forbidden by the Population Police. He's lived his entire life in hiding, and now, with a new housing development replacing the woods next to his family's farm, he is no longer even allowed to go outside. Then, one day Luke sees a girl's face in the window of a house where he knows two other children already live. Finally, he's met a shadow child like himself. Jen is willing to risk everything to come out of the shadows -- does Luke dare to become involved in her dangerous plan? Can he afford not to?</p>
<p>The Selection</p> <p>by Kiera Cass</p> <p>Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ</p> <p>6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>For thirty-five girls, the Selection is the chance of a lifetime. The opportunity to escape a rigid caste system, live in a palace, and compete for the heart of gorgeous Prince Maxon. But for America Singer, being Selected is a nightmare. It means turning her back on her secret love with Aspen, who is a caste below her, and competing for a crown she doesn't want. Then America meets Prince Maxon—and realizes that the life she's always dreamed of may not compare to a future she never imagined.</p>
<p>Soldier X</p> <p>by Don Wulffson</p>	<p>XYZ</p> <p>6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Sixteen-year-old Erik Brandt barely knows what Germany is fighting for when he is drafted into Hitler's army in 1944. Sent to the killing fields of the Eastern Front, he is surrounded by unimaginable sights, more horrific than he ever thought possible. It's kill or be killed, and it seems clear that Erik's days are numbered. Until, covered in blood and seriously injured, he conceives of another way to survive.</p>
<p>Matched</p> <p>by Ally Condie</p> <p>Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ</p> <p>6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her: what to read, what to watch, what to believe. So when Xander's face appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate . . . until she sees Ky Markham's face flash for an instant before the screen fades to black. The Society tells her it's a glitch, a rare malfunction, and that she should focus on the happy life she's destined to lead with Xander. But Cassia can't stop thinking about Ky, and as they slowly fall in love, Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility and is faced with an impossible choice: between Xander and Ky, between the only life she's known and a path that no one else has dared to follow.</p>

<p>The Testing by Joelle Charbonneau Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>It's graduation day for sixteen-year-old Malencia Vale, and the entire Five Lakes Colony (the former Great Lakes) is celebrating. All Cia can think about—hope for—is whether she'll be chosen for The Testing, a United Commonwealth program that selects the best and brightest new graduates to become possible leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization. When Cia is chosen, her father finally tells her about his own nightmarish half-memories of The Testing. Armed with his dire warnings ("Cia, trust no one"), she bravely heads off to Tosu City, far away from friends and family, perhaps forever. Danger, romance—and sheer terror—await.</p>
<p>The False Prince: Book 1 of the Ascendance Trilogy by Jennifer Nielsen Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Choose to lie...or choose to die. In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, Conner, a nobleman of the court, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant boy named Sage. Sage knows that Conner's motives are more than questionable, yet his life balances on a sword's point -- he must be chosen to play the prince or he will certainly be killed. But Sage's rivals have their own agendas as well. As Sage moves from a rundown orphanage to Conner's sumptuous palace, layer upon layer of treachery and deceit unfold, until finally, a truth is revealed that, in the end, may very well prove more dangerous than all of the lies taken together.</p>
<p>The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Galileo. Newton. Salk. Oppenheimer. Science can change the world.. But can it go too far? Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough... he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth?</p>
<p>The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>Z+ 8th grade +</p>	<p>The Red Badge of Courage is a war novel by American author Stephen Crane (1871-1900). Taking place during the American Civil War, the story is about a young private of the Union Army, Henry Fleming, who flees from the field of battle. Overcome with shame, he longs for a wound, a "red badge of courage," to counteract his cowardice. When his regiment once again faces the enemy, Henry acts as standard-bearer.</p>
<p>Ghost by Jason Reynolds Available through the SORA app</p>	<p>YZ 7th-8th grade reading level</p>	<p>Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team-- that could qualify then for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves. Running. That's all Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons--it all started when running away from his father, who, when ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems--and running away from them--until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him.</p>

Heartless by Marissa Meyer Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	Long before she was the terror of Wonderland, she was just a girl who wanted to fall in love. Catherine may be one of the most desired girls in Wonderland, and a favorite of the unmarried King of Hearts, but her interests lie elsewhere. A talented baker, all she wants is to open a shop with her best friend. But according to her mother, such a goal is unthinkable for the young woman who could be the next queen. Then Cath meets Jest, the handsome and mysterious court joker. For the first time, she feels the pull of true attraction. At the risk of offending the king and infuriating her parents, she and Jest enter into an intense, secret courtship. Cath is determined to define her own destiny and fall in love on her terms. But in a land thriving with magic, madness, and monsters, fate has other plans.
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. There, before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost Silver princess, and betroths her to one of his own sons. As Mare is drawn further into the Silver world, she risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard—a growing Red rebellion—even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. One wrong move can lead to her death, but in the dangerous game she plays the only certainty is betrayal.
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	He plays drums in the All-City Jazz Band (whose members call him the Peasant), has a crush on the hottest girl in school (who doesn't even know he's alive), and is constantly annoyed by his younger brother, Jeffrey (who is cuter than cute - which is also pretty annoying). But when Jeffrey gets sick, Steven's world is turned upside down, and he is forced to deal with his brother's illness, his parents' attempts to keep the family in one piece, his homework, the band, girls, and Dangerous Pie (yes, you'll have to read the book to find out what that is!).
Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz Available through the SORA app	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	Infiltrate. Befriend. Sabotage. World War II is raging. Michael O'Shaunessey, originally from Ireland, now lives in Nazi Germany with his parents. Like the other boys in his school, Michael is a member of the Hitler Youth. But Michael has a secret. He and his parents are spies. Michael despises everything the Nazis stand for. But he joins in the Hitler Youth's horrific games and book burnings, playing the part so he can gain insider knowledge. When Michael learned about Project 1065, a secret Nazi war mission, things get even more complicated. He must prove his loyalty to the Hitler Youth at all costs -- even if it means risking everything he cares about. Including... his own life.

Students were tested at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year to determine their reading level using iReady

Title of Book	Author	Reading Level	Summary
Non-Fiction Titles			
<u>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</u> Available through the SORA app	Brian Floca	KLM/NOPQ 2nd-4th grade reading level	Simply told, grandly shown, here is the flight of Apollo 11. Here for a new generation of readers and explorers are the steady astronauts, clicking themselves into gloves and helmets, strapping themselves into sideways seats. Here are their great machines in all their detail and monumentality, the roar of rockets, and the silence of the moon. Here is a story of adventure and discovery — a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away.
<u>Who Was Martin Luther King Jr?</u> Available through the SORA app	Bonnie Bader	Approximately: NOPQ/RST 3rd-4th grade reading level	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was only 25 when he helped organize the Montgomery Bus Boycott and was soon organizing black people across the country in support of the right to vote, desegregation, and other basic civil rights. Maintaining nonviolent and peaceful tactics even when his life was threatened, King was also an advocate for the poor and spoke out against racial and economic injustice until his death from an assassin's bullet in 1968. With clearly written text that explains this tumultuous time in history and 80 black-and-white illustrations, this <i>Who Was??</i> celebrates the vision and the legacy of a remarkable man.
<u>Profiles: The Vietnam War</u> Available through the SORA app	Daniel Polansky	Approximately RST/UVW 4th-6th grade reading level	It takes more than one person to bring about War. This book will follow the lives of six key players during one of the most controversial wars in history. Profiles is so much more than just your typical biography. The next book in our six-in-one, full-color bio series will focus on the five W's of the Vietnam War--who, what, where, when, and why. Kids will learn all of the biographical information they need to know (background, family, education, accomplishments, etc.) about: Ho Chi Minh (prime minister of Democratic Republic of Vietnam) John F. Kennedy (US president 1961-1963), Lyndon B. Johnson (US president (1963-1969), Ngo Dinh Diem (president of South Vietnam), Henry Kissinger (US National security advisor), and William Westmoreland (US army general). This book will help illuminate one of the most controversial wars in American history for a new generation of readers.
<u>Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women</u> Available through the SORA app	Catherine Thimmesh	Approximatley RST/UVW 4th-6th grade reading level	In kitchens and living rooms, in garages and labs and basements, even in converted chicken coops, women and girls have invented ingenious innovations that have made our lives simpler and better. Their creations are some of the most enduring (the windshield wiper) and best loved

			(the chocolate chip cookie). What inspired these women, and just how did they turn their ideas into realities?
<u>Stealing Home (Jackie Robinson)</u>	Barry Denenberg	RST/UVW 4th-6th grade reading level	On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson stepped onto Ebbets Field as a Brooklyn Dodger and changed American baseball forever. The first black man to play in the white major leagues, he had the courage to confront racism and fight for the rights of all black people, on and off the baseball diamond. He shattered the color barrier, and with tremendous skill and determination, he became not only one of the most legendary baseball players of all time, but also a great American hero.
<u>The Greek Gods (Point)</u>	Bernard and Dorothy Evslin	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	An excellent introduction to mythology, this book includes a glossary, afterword, and bibliography.
<u>Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet</u> Available through the SORA app	Harriet Rohmer	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	This inspiring book presents the true stories of 12 people from across North America who have done great things for the environment. Heroes include a teenage girl who figured out how to remove an industrial pollutant from the Ohio River, a Mexican superstar wrestler who works to protect turtles and whales, and a teenage boy from Rhode Island who helped his community and his state develop effective e-waste recycling programs. Plenty of photographs and illustrations bring each compelling story vividly to life.
<u>Guts</u> Available through the SORA app	Gary Paulsen	Approximately UVW/XY 5th-8th grade reading level	Guess what -- Gary Paulsen was being kind to Brian. In <i>Guts</i> , Gary tells the real stories behind the Brian books, the stories of the adventures that inspired him to write Brian Robeson's story: working as an emergency volunteer; the death that inspired the pilot's death in <i>Hatchet</i> ; plane crashes he has seen and near-misses of his own. He describes how he made his own bows and arrows, and takes readers on his first hunting trips, showing the wonder and solace of nature along with his hilarious mishaps and mistakes. He shares special memories, such as the night he attracted every mosquito in the county, or how he met the moose with a sense of humor, and the moose who made it personal. There's a handy chapter on "Eating Eyeballs and Guts or Starving: The Fine Art of Wilderness Nutrition." Recipes included.
<u>A Wicked History: Henry VIII Royal Beheader</u> Available through the SORA app	Sean Stewart Price	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	Read to learn more about Henry VIII.

<u>Stephen Curry: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Sharpest Shooters</u>	Clayton Geoffreys	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	<i>Stephen Curry: The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Sharpest Shooters</i> , outlines the inspirational story of one of basketball's premier point guards, Stephen Curry. Stephen Curry has had an electrifying basketball career playing in the National Basketball Association. In this short Stephen Curry biography, we will learn about how Steph became the star point guard that he is today. Starting first with his childhood and early life, we'll learn about Steph Curry prior to entering the NBA, his time in the NBA, along with his impact on the communities of Davidson College and Golden State. Steph Curry's success is not an accident. It is hard to believe that a player who once was overlooked at every point in his career has made himself such an impactful and influential player to the game of basketball today.
<u>The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero</u> Available through the SORA app	Patricia McCormick	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	It was April 5, 1943, and the Gestapo would arrive any minute. Dietrich Bonhoeffer had been expecting this day for a long time. He had put his papers in order—and left a few notes specifically for Hitler's men to see. Two SS agents climbed the stairs and told the boyish-looking Bonhoeffer to come with them. He calmly said good-bye to his parents, put his Bible under his arm, and left. Upstairs there was proof, in his own handwriting, that this quiet young minister was part of a conspiracy to kill Adolf Hitler. This compelling, brilliantly researched account includes the remarkable discovery that Bonhoeffer was one of the first people to provide evidence to the Allies that Jews were being deported to death camps. It takes readers from his privileged early childhood to the studies and travel that would introduce him to peace activists around the world—eventually putting this gentle, scholarly pacifist on a deadly course to assassinate one of the most ruthless dictators in history. <i>The Plot to Kill Hitler</i> provides fascinating insights into what makes someone stand up for what's right when no one else is standing with you. It is a question that every generation must answer again and again.
<u>Navy SEAL Dogs</u> Available through the SORA app	Mike Ritland	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	Trident K9 Warriors gave readers an inside look at the Navy SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors—who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake to save lives. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and highest skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them.
<u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> Available through the SORA app	Jacqueline Woodson	Approximately UVW/XYZ	Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow

		5th-8th grade reading level	up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.
<u>War Dogs and Other Courageous Canines</u>	Joanne Mattern	Approximately UVW/XYZ 5th-8th grade reading level	These five war heroes are compelling, courageous-and totally canine! We've all read about hero soldiers, firefighters, and rescue workers. But some of the biggest heroes aren't human-they're dogs! In this amazing collection, kids will meet five brave real-life dogs who have served in America's wars-from Stubby, the first American "war dog" hero to Wolf, a German shepherd who kept hundreds of soldiers safe in Vietnam.
<u>Through My Eyes</u> Available through the SORA app	Ruby Bridges	XYZ 6th-8th grade reading level	In November 1960, all of America watched as a tiny six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. An icon of the civil rights movement, Ruby Bridges chronicles each dramatic step of this pivotal event in history through her own words.
<u>The Notorious Benedict Arnold</u> Available through the SORA app	Steve Sheinkin	YZ 7th-8th grade reading level	Steve Sheinkin's accessible biography, <i>The Notorious Benedict Arnold</i> , introduces young readers to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing American Revolution battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale from history.
<u>How They Croaked</u> Available through the SORA app	Georgia Bragg and Kevin O'Malley	YZ 7th-8th grade reading level	Over the course of history, men and women have lived and died. In fact, getting sick and dying can be a big, ugly mess--especially before the modern medical care that we all enjoy today. From King Tut's ancient autopsy to Albert Einstein's great brain escape, <i>How They Croaked</i> contains <i>all</i> the gory details of the awful ends of nineteen awfully famous people.
<u>I am Malala (Young Readers Edition)</u> Available through the SORA app	Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick	Z 8th grade reading level	<i>I Am Malala. This is my story.</i>

			<p>Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.</p> <p>No one expected her to survive.</p> <p>Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner.</p>
<p><u>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</u> Available through the SORA app</p>	James L. Swanson	Z 8th grade reading level	<p>NEW YORK TIMES bestselling author James Swanson delivers a riveting account of the chase for Abraham Lincoln's assassin.</p> <p>Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the manhunters, CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.</p>
<p><u>Night</u> Available through the SORA app</p>	Elie Wiesel	Z+ 8th grade + reading level	<p>Night is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. This new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife and frequent translator, presents this seminal memoir in the language and spirit truest to the author's original intent. And in a substantive new preface, Elie reflects on the enduring importance of Night and his lifelong, passionate dedication to ensuring that the world never forgets man's capacity for inhumanity to man. Night offers much more than a litany of the daily terrors, everyday perversions, and rampant sadism at Auschwitz and Buchenwald; it also eloquently addresses many of the philosophical as well as personal questions implicit in any serious consideration of what the Holocaust was, what it meant, and what its legacy is and will be.</p>

Students were tested at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year to determine their reading level using iReady

Novel Study Book: First Book of the 2022-2023 School Year!

YOU WILL READ THIS ONE AT SCHOOL!

- Each grade level will have its own choices. Please, see the list below.
- **Bring this book to ELA class on the 1st day of school.** It will be your first independent reading book for ELA in August.

Novel Study Books Choices

6th Grade—You will pick one of the 2 books listed below for your novel study.

Book Title and Author	Summary
1. The Secret Garden By Frances Hodgson Burnett	' <i>The Secret Garden</i> ' by Frances Hodgson Burnett tells the story of a young orphan who was born into luxury, but loneliness. When she finds herself in another part of the world, she navigates through life with friends and nature. She eventually learns to see life in a better and happier light. <i>The Secret Garden</i> emphasizes the importance of positive thinking and hope.
2. Bud Not Buddy By Christopher Paul Curtis	<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> , by Christopher Paul Curtis, is a work of young adult fiction. The book, which opens in 1936 in the middle of the Great Depression, follows the journey of an orphaned ten-year old boy, Bud Caldwell, who travels from Flint to Grand Rapids, Michigan in search of the man who he thinks is his father. Bud tells his own story of hope, love, belonging, and a child's invincible spirit.

7th Grade—You will pick one of the following 3 books listed below for your novel study.

Book Title and Author	Summary
1. Stand Tall By Joan Bauer	Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.
2. Fair Weather By Richard Peck	Thirteen-year-old Rosie Beckett has never strayed further from her family's farm than a horse can pull a cart. Then a letter from her Aunt Euterpe arrives, and everything changes. It's 1893, the year of the World's Columbian Exposition—the "wonder of the age"—a.k.a. the Chicago World's Fair. Aunt Euterpe is inviting the Becketts to come for a visit and go to the fair! Award-winning author Richard Peck's fresh, realistic, and fun-filled writing truly brings the World's Fair—and Rosie and her family—to life.

<p>3. Ribbons By Laurence Yep</p>	<p>But no one's asking Robin. Not her parents, who can no longer afford ballet lessons because all of their money is going toward bringing Robin's Chinese grandmother to America. Not her grandmother, a demanding woman who can barely walk. And now, Robin is even losing touch with her ballet friends, who are moving on without her. It's hard for Robin to hide her resentment of this foreign grandmother who's changed her whole life. Then Robin uncovers a secret that leads to a new understanding of the many ways in which she and her tough old grandmother are alike.</p>
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8th Grade—You will pick one of the following 3 books listed below for your novel study.

Book Title and Author	Summary
<p>1. Rules of the Road Joan Bauer</p>	<p>Meet Jenna Boller, star employee at Gladstone Shoe Store in Chicago. Standing a gawky 5'11" at 16 years old, Jenna is the kind of girl most likely to stand out in the crowd for all the wrong reasons. But that doesn't stop Madeline Gladstone, the president of Gladstone's Shoes 176 outlets in 37 states, from hiring Jenna to drive her cross country in a last ditch effort to stop Elden Gladstone from taking over his mother's company and turning a quality business into a shop-and-schlock empire. Now Jenna Boller shoe salesperson is about to become a shoe-store spy as she joins her crusty old employer for an eye-opening adventure that will teach them both the rules of the road and the rules of life.</p>
<p>2. The House on Mango Street By Sandra Cisneros</p>	<p>Sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous, <i>The House on Mango Street</i> tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty. Esperanza doesn't want to belong -- not to her rundown neighborhood, and not to the low expectations the world has for her. Esperanza's story is that of a young girl coming into her power, and inventing for herself what she will become.</p>
<p>3. All Quiet on the Western Front By Erich Maria Remarque</p>	<p><i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> tells the story of a group of young Germans who enlist in World War I after being captivated by slogans of patriotism and honor. It is narrated by the protagonist, Paul Baumer, who is 20 years old. The young men soon learn that the romanticized version of war that was described to them is nothing like the battlefields they encounter.</p>

Extra Credit Choices

If you choose to read 5 books over the summer, choose and complete one of the following for your extra credit. Please bring your completed extra credit assignment to your ELA teacher on the first day of school.

1. Build a miniature replica of a scene from the setting of your book. It should be a shoebox scene or a diorama. You must include a 7-8 sentence description of what the scene is and how it is important to the book.
2. Make 3 posters about the book. Choose from these areas: Characterization, setting, theme, plot, climax, resolution/denouement, or another skill you have been taught in school this year. Each poster should teach the class about that area of your book. Each poster should be in a different art medium: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, fabric, or other "real materials" glued on the poster.
3. Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather described in the story in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial (opinion column-see examples in our local paper) and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to or relate to the story you read. See the classified section or any ads spread throughout the local paper for examples.
4. Draw a comic strip of your favorite scene in the book. IT MUST have characters and bubbles with their speech or thoughts. You MUST color the entire comic strip neatly. It must have 8-10 boxes minimum.
5. Make a mobile about the story. It should have main characters with a picture of each and a description of their part in the story. It must have a picture of the setting and a description of how the setting is important to the story. It must discuss the theme of the story. It must have one section called "About the Author" with information about him/her. MAKE IT COLORFUL AND BALANCED IN PROPORTION.
6. After reading a book of history or historical fiction, make an ILLUSTRATED timeline showing the events of the selection. Draw a map showing the location(s) where the story took place. There must be at least 12 items on the timeline, and it must be colorful.
7. IF the setting or background of your book takes place in another country, prepare a travel brochure. When folded into thirds, it will give you SIX sides to use to interest a consumer in taking this trip. It must be colorful and eye-catching. You should include places to eat, places for entertainment, enjoyable side trips, travel accommodations, appropriate clothing, approximate costs, and contact information for those who are interested.

Name: _____

Summer Reading Log

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Total pages _____ **Total minutes** _____

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Parent Signature:_____