

Summer Reading (SR) Assignment for Rising 8th Graders

Hello rising 8th graders and parents/guardians!

For summer reading, rising 8th graders can select **any memoir of their choice** that is on grade-level (or above if the student is interested enough in the book to accept the challenge). A memoir is defined as a non-fiction narrative about a person's life and experiences told in first person. We have listed suggested titles that we believe will be both engaging and enriching for students. The selections are varied, and some cover delicate yet relevant topics. For example, there are books that tell the stories of people living in war-torn and ravaged countries. As a result, there are some mature scenes in a few of the texts, but you can go to the following websites to read descriptions and reviews of all the books before making a selection. **Bring a hard copy of the book to school with you**, since this will be our first unit, and you will need to cite text evidence in your projects. Enjoy!

- https://www.goodreads.com/review/recent_reviews#
- <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/book-reviews>

Suggested titles:

Red Scarf Girl by Ji Li Jiang

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

Knots in My Yo-Yo-String by Jerry Spinelli

Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

I Have Lived a Thousand Years by Livia E. Bitton-Jackson

No Pretty Pictures by Anita Lobel

In My Hands: Memoirs of a Holocaust Rescuer by Irene Gut Opdyke

A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel

Bossypants by Tina Fey

Born Standing Up by Steve Martin

King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography by Chris Crutcher

Hard to Grip: A Memoir of Youth, Baseball, and Chronic Illness by Emil DeAndreis

Marshfield Dreams: When I was a Kid by Ralph Fletcher

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

El Deafo by CeCe Bell

Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings by Margarita Engle

The Distance Between Us: A Memoir by Reyna Grande