



Plainfield Public Schools Summer Reading List 2009 Grades 6 through 8

Summer reading is voluntary and strongly encouraged in order to maintain reading skills. Each student should read independently a minimum of five books and they should respond to the books using the choice activity list. These assignments will be collected in September and will count as extra credit for the first marking period.

The Watson's Go to Birmingham, by Christopher Paul Curtis

Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan

Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate DiCamillo

Bud Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis

View from Saturday, by E. Konigsburg

The Other Side of Truth, by Beverly Naidoo

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World, by Armstrong

We Beat the Streets, by Sharon M. Draper

Crash or Wringer, by Jerry Spinelli

The Midwife's Apprentice, by Karen Cushman

The Chronicles of Narnia, by C.S. Lewis

White Fang or Call of the Wild, by Jack London

The Outsiders or Rumblefish, by S.E. Hinton

Lily's Crossing, by Patricia Reilly Giff

Think Big, by Ben Carson

Cuba 15, by Nancy Osa

Free the Children, by Craig Kielburger

Al Capone Does My Shirts, by Gennifer Choldenko

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Fever 1793, by Laurie Halse Anderson

Activities

- Write a persuasive book review.
- Compare and contrast two books.
- Identify the theme in the book; defend the reason why you think this is the theme, provide supporting evidence.
- Locate and record examples of figurative language in the book.
- Create your own quiz; include open-ended questions.
- Translate the dialogue between two characters into text messaging language.
- Locate and record locations on a map places in the books you have read.
- Create a timeline of the events in the story.
- Create a collage of the story that depicts or represents the characters, setting and themes in the book summarize.
- Keep a diary of a character from the story.
- Research five facts from a text and provide information that is learned.

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