

# Summer Reading Project for Grades 6-8

## Due: Sept. 4, 2020 to your ELA teacher

Reading during the summer enhances achievement and leads to a lifelong interest in reading for pleasure. Our 2020 summer reading project serves as an introduction to the four themes that will be covered for each grade level next year with the *Expeditionary Learning* Curriculum.

**Directions:** Select **at least 2 books** on this list, and write **3 PARAGRAPHS** outlining the following information from each book: A brief summary of the text, what you liked best about the book, and would you recommend this novel to a friend? Why/why not? Be **CREATIVE** with your responses!

Rising 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Greek Mythology</u></b>	<b><u>Critical Problems &amp; Solutions</u></b>	<b><u>American Indian Schools</u></b>	<b><u>Space Science Accomplishments</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Monsters and Creatures of Greek Mythology</li> <li>-The Heroes and Mortals of Greek Mythology</li> <li>-Percy Jackson's Greek Gods</li> <li>-Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes</li> <li>-Zeus, King of the Gods</li> <li>-Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of the Greek Myths</li> <li>-Who Let the Gods Out?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane</li> <li>-Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women</li> <li>-Super Soaker Inventor Lonnie Johnson</li> <li>-The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle, and Other Surprising Stories about Inventions</li> <li>-Mistakes That Worked: The World's Familiar Inventions and How They Came to Be</li> <li>-Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Shin-chi's Canoe</li> <li>-My Name Is Seepeetza</li> <li>-Bowman's Store: A Journey to Myself</li> <li>-Rattlesnake Mesa: Stories from a Native American Childhood</li> <li>-Everything You Wanted to Know about Indians but Were Afraid to Ask</li> <li>-If I Ever Get Out of Here</li> <li>-I am Not a Number</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Path to the Stars: My Journey from Girl Scout to Rocket Scientist</li> <li>-Astronaut Ellen Ochoa</li> <li>-Countdown: 2979 Days to the Moon</li> <li>-Disaster Strikes!: The Most Dangerous Space Missions of All Time</li> <li>-Endurance: My Year in Space and How I Got There (Young Readers Edition)</li> <li>-The Race to Space</li> </ul>
Rising 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Lost Children of Sudan</u></b>	<b><u>Epidemics</u></b>	<b><u>The Harlem Renaissance</u></b>	<b><u>Plastic Pollution</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Good Braider</li> <li>-Lost Girl Found</li> <li>-How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child</li> <li>-One Well: The Story of Water on Earth</li> <li>-Now Is the Time for Running</li> <li>-Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan</li> <li>-Home of the Brave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio</li> <li>-Deadly</li> <li>-When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS</li> <li>-Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary</li> <li>-Bubonic Panic: When Plague Invaded America</li> <li>-Fever Year: The Killer Flu of 1918</li> <li>-A Death-Struck Year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Augusta Savage: Sculptor of the Harlem Renaissance</li> <li>-The Great Migration: An American Story</li> <li>-Finding Langston</li> <li>-Zora!: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston</li> <li>-I See the Rhythm</li> <li>-Harlem Stomp!: A Cultural History Of The Harlem Renaissance</li> <li>-The Portable Harlem Renaissance Reader</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The New Ocean: The Fate of Life in a Changing Sea</li> <li>-World without Fish</li> <li>-The Great Pacific Garbage Patch</li> <li>-Junk Raft: An Ocean Voyage and a Rising Tide of Activism to Fight Plastic Pollution</li> <li>-Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines</li> <li>-The Plastic Problem</li> </ul>
Rising 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Folklore of Latin America</u></b>	<b><u>Food Choices</u></b>	<b><u>Voices of the Holocaust</u></b>	<b><u>Japanese American</u></b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Tales Our Abuelitas Told</li> <li>-Momentos Mágicos/Magic Moments</li> <li>-The Emerald Lizard</li> <li>-Mexican-American Folklore</li> <li>-Whiskers, Tails, and Wings</li> <li>-Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky</li> <li>-Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Relish: My Life in the Kitchen</li> <li>-Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know about Fast Food</li> <li>-Food: The New Gold</li> <li>-What the World Eats</li> <li>-The Story of Food: An Illustrated History of Everything We Eat</li> <li>-Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science</li> <li>-Your Food Is Fooling You: How Your Brain Is Hijacked by Sugar, Fat, and Salt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible on Schindler's List</li> <li>-Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust</li> <li>-The War within These Walls</li> <li>-Eva's Story</li> <li>-Four Perfect Pebbles: A True Story of the Holocaust</li> <li>-Understanding Comics: The Invisible Art</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Weedflower</li> <li>-Four-Four-Two</li> <li>-Within These Lines</li> <li>-Imprisoned: The Betrayal of Japanese Americans during World War II</li> <li>-Gaijin: American Prisoner of War</li> <li>-Fred Korematsu Speaks Up</li> <li>-Journey to Topaz</li> <li>-Fish for Jimmy: Inspired by One Family's Experience in a Japanese American Internment Camp</li> </ul>

