

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING



Dear Parents and Students,

Summer reading is designed to maintain student reading level, improve comprehension, and enhance vocabulary. It is critical in helping ensure that students' literacy skills remain strong. Our summer reading program was created to reduce the "summer slide" and provide your child with some excellent reading material.

Our Middle School English teachers are excited about our requirements for this summer's reading. We believe this will give our students more freedom in choosing books with subject matters in which they are interested.

Parental guidance in helping students select appropriate texts is highly encouraged.

[Commonsensemedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org) is an excellent website to seek recommendations and review content.

## **Reading requirements for all students grades 6-8:**

- Select one fiction and one nonfiction text from the grade level book list to read during June and July. Then read the assigned book of the Bible to read the first two weeks of August.
- Be prepared to complete an activity or two from your reading during the first two weeks of school. This will be an assessment activity to reflect on your literary choices read over the summer.

If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Hamilton: [elizabethhamilton@hgchristian.org](mailto:elizabethhamilton@hgchristian.org)

# Summer Reading for Middle School

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Read one book a month. It must be on your reading level. If you are unsure of your level, use the five word rule. (A book is too hard if you can't recognize five or more words on a page). You are to read a fiction book in June, a non-fiction book in July, and the book of John from the Bible before school begins on August 17th.
- Complete the following information for each of the three reading assignments.

Name:

Grade:

	JUNE (FICTION)	JULY (NON-FICTION)
	Use the blanks below to take your notes.	
<b>Title and Author</b>		
<b>Summary:</b>	A good summary includes: characters, setting, plot, beginning, middle, and end. <a href="#">(Click for a 5 minute tutorial)</a>	
<b>Theme:</b>		
<b>Your favorite part. Why?</b>		
<b>Would you recommend this to a friend? Why/Why not?</b>		

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	AUGUST (JOHN)
<b>What is the reference of your favorite passage?</b>	Ex. John 3:16-20
<b>What is a summary of this passage?</b>	
<b>What was your favorite verse in this passage? Why?</b>	
<b>What did this passage teach you about God? About yourself?</b>	

## HGCS MIDDLE SCHOOL LITERATURE LIST

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#	Title	Author
1	Adventures of Robinson Crusoe	Defoe
2	Across Five Aprils	Hunt
3	All Creatures Great and Small	Herriot
4	Amos Fortune, Free Man	Yates
5	And Then There Were None	Christie
6	Anne of Avonlea	Montgomery
7	Appointment in Jerusalem	Prince
8	Around the World in Eighty Days	Verne
9	Ben Hur	Wallace
10	Black Arrow, The	Stevenson
11	Black Beauty	Sewell
12	Black Pearl, The	O'Dell
13	Born Again	Colson
14	Boy of Old Prague, A	Ish-Sishor
15	Boy's War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War	Murphy
16	Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson
17	Bud & Me: the True Adventures of the Abernathy Boys	Abernathy
18	Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee	Brown
19	Caddie Woodlawn	Brink
20	Calico Bush	Field
21	Call of the Wild, The	London
22	Call It Courage	Sperry
23	Captains Courageous	Kipling
24	Carry a Big Stick: The Uncommon Heroism of T. Roosevelt	Grant
25	Cay, The	Taylor
26	Charles Sheldon	Caughey
27	Charles Spurgeon	Carlile
28	Cheaper by the Dozen	Gilbreth
29	Chosen, The	Potok
30	Christie	Marshall
31	Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, A	Twain
32	Coral Island, The	Ballantyne
33	Count of Monte Cristo, The	Dumas
34	David Copperfield	Dickens
35	Davy Crockett: His Own Story	Crockett
36	Death Be Not Proud	Cunther
37	Destination: Moon	Irwin
38	Diary of a Young Girl: The Definitive Edition, The	Frank
39	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Wind
40	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Stevenson
41	Eagle of the Ninth, The	Sutcliff
42	Emma	Austen
43	Eric Liddell	Caughey
44	Escape, The	Van der Jagt
45	Exploits of Don Quixote	Reeves
46	Fellowship of the Ring	Tolkien
47	Flags of Our Fathers	Bradley
48	Florence Nightingale	Wellman
49	Frankenstein	Shelley
50	Frederick Douglass, Abolitionist and Reformer	Phillips
51	Freedom Train	Sterling
52	Fun of It, The	Earhart
53	Gathering of Days, A	Blos
54	George Washington Carver	Wellman
55	Gettysburg	Kantor
56	Give Me Liberty	Vaughn
57	Giver, The	Lowry
58	Gods, Heroes and Men of Ancient Greece	Rouse
59	God's Smuggler	Brother Andrew
60	Good Earth, The	Buck

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61	Great Expectations	Dickens
62	Gulliver's Travels	Swift
63	Harriet Tubman, Conductor on the Underground Railroad	Petry
64	Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day, The	O'Dell
65	Hero Tales from American History	Roosevelt & Lodge
66	Hiroshima	Hersey
67	Hobbit, The	Tolkien
68	House of Seven Gables, The	Hawthorne
69	Hudson Taylor	Christie
70	Hunchback of Notre Dame, The	Hugo
71	I, Juan de Pareja	deTrevin
72	In Freedom's Cause	Hentyo
73	In the Hall of the Dragon King	Lawhead
74	Invisible Man, The	Wells
75	Island of the Blue Dolphin	O'Dell
76	Ivanhoe	Scott
77	Jacob Have I Loved	Paterson
78	Jane Eyre	Bronte
79	Jim Elliot	White
80	John and Betty Stam: Missionary Martyrs	Christie
81	John Bunyon	Wellman
82	Joni	Eareckson
83	Journey Home	Uchida
84	Journey Through the Night	De Vries
85	Journey to America	Levitin
86	Journey to Ellis Island	Bierman
87	Journey to the Center of the Earth	Verne
88	Kidnapped	Stevenson
89	Kim	Kipling
90	Lassie Come Home	Knight
91	Last Battle, The	Lewis
92	Last of the Mohicans, The	Cooper
93	Les Miserables	Hugo
94	Letters to Children	Lewis
95	Lieutenant Hornblower	Forester
96	Light in the Forest, The	Richter
97	Little Men	Alcott
98	Little Prince, The	e Saint-Exupéry
99	Little Women	Alcott
100	Lost World, The	Doyle
101	Madame Curie: A Biography	Curie
102	Magician's Nephew, The	Lewis
103	Martin Luther	Booth
104	Meet the Austins	L'Engle
105	Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	Doyle
106	Merry Adventures of Robin Hood, The	Pyle
107	Midsummer Night's Dream, A	Shakespeare
108	Mutiny on the Bounty	Nordhof & Hall
109	My Antonia	Cather
110	My Life and Hard Times	Thurber
111	National Velvet	Bangold
112	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	Douglass
113	Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill	Mansfield
114	Nicholas Nickleby	Dickens
115	North to Freedom	Holm
116	Northanger Abby	Austen
117	Old Man and the Sea	Hemingway
118	Old Yeller	Gipson
119	Oliver Twist	Dickens
120	On to Oregon	Morrow

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121	One Corpse Too Many	Peters
122	Out of the Silent Planet	Lewis
123	Paul Revere and the World He Lived In	Forbes
124	Pearl, The	Steinbeck
125	Perelandra	Lewis
126	Plague, The	Camus
127	Pilgrim's Progress	Bunyan
128	Pride and Prejudice	Austen
129	Prince and the Pauper, The	Twain
130	Profiles in Courage	Kennedy
131	Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane
132	Robinson Crusoe	Defoe
133	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor
134	Sergeant York and the Great War	York
135	Scarlet Pimpernel, The	Orczy
136	Secret Garden, The	Burnett
137	Separate Peace, A	Knowles
138	Silas Marner	Eliot
139	Some Gave All	Caughey
140	Souder	Armstrong
141	Stillness at Appomattox, A	Catton
142	Story of My Life	Keller
143	Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, The	Stevenson
144	Streams to the River, River to the Sea	O'Dell
145	Sword in the Stone, The	White
146	Taming of the Shrew, The	Shakespeare
147	Tangerine	Bloor
148	Thomas Jefferson: Architect of Democracy	Severance
149	Three Musketeers, The	Dumas
150	Through the Looking-Glass	Carroll
151	Time Machine, The	Wells
152	Treasure Island	Stevenson
153	Trumpeter of Krakow, The	Kelly
154	Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea	Verne
155	Up a Road Slowly	Hunt
156	Up From Slavery	Washington
157	Virginian, The	Wister
158	War Stories: True Stories from the First and Second World Wars	Doswell
159	Washington: The Indispensable Man	Flexner
160	Winning with Quiet Strength	Dungy
161	With Lee in Virginia	Henty
162	Up a Road Slowly	Hunt
163	Up From Slavery	Washington
164	Voyages of Dr. Doolittle, The	Lofting
165	Watership Down	Adams
166	Westing Game, The	Rasken
167	Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls
168	White Fang	London
169	White Mountains, The	Christopher
170	Winged Watchmen, The	Van Stockum
171	Yankee Musket, A	Wristo
172	Yearling, The	Rawlings