



WHERE *Brilliance* BEGINS

Dear Middle School Families,

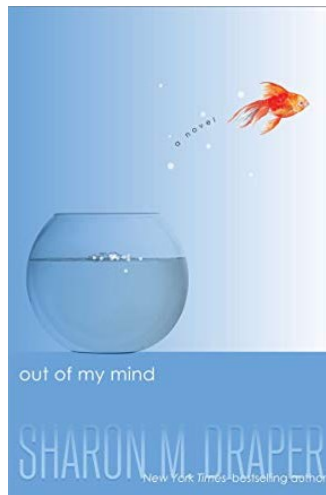
Welcome to summer! As we look forward to the 2019-2020 school year, the Middle School teachers would like to share their summer reading assignments with you. **Your student should read the book/s listed below for the grade they will be entering in the fall. They will then participate in a class project based on the required book/s during the first weeks of school. In addition, have your student fill out the attached reading log over the summer which will be turned in on the first day of school.**

Warm Regards,

The Middle School Faculty

Rising 5th Grade:

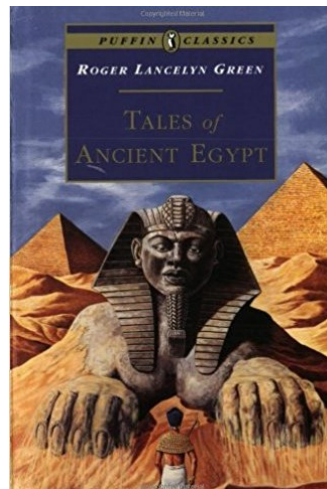
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Chosen for the connection to our 5th grade focus of empathy for others.

Rising 6th Grade:

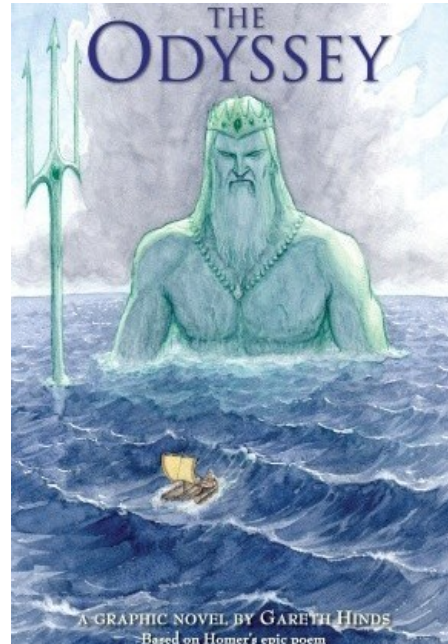
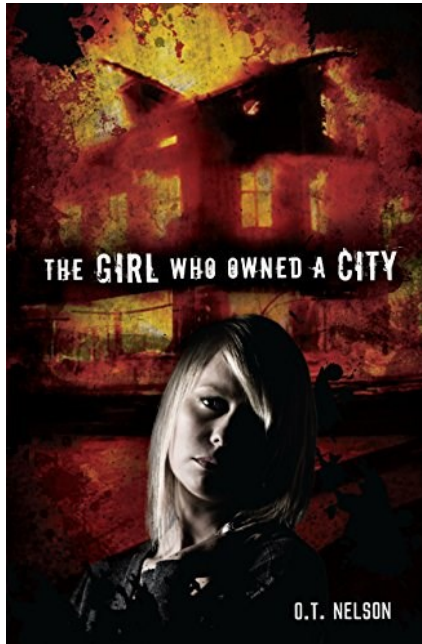
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Chosen for the connection to the social studies curriculum.

Rising 7th Grade:

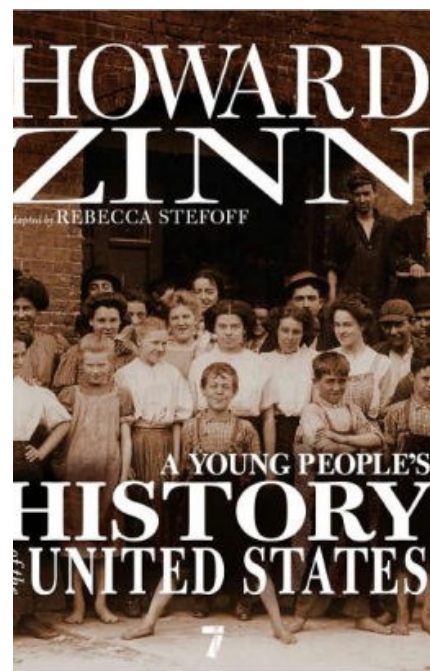
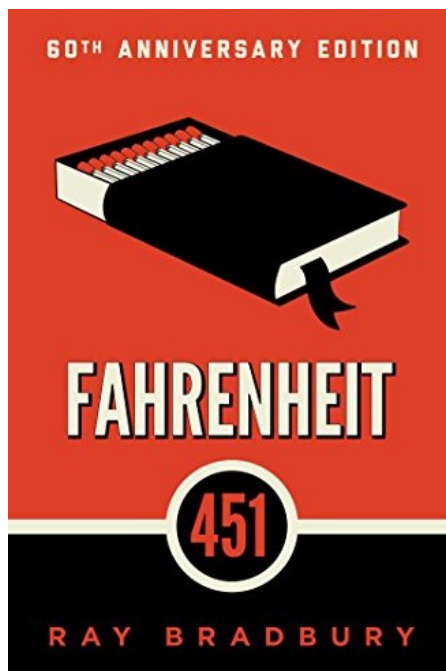
Please read both of these books and one other book of your choice. (3 books total)



The Girl Who Owned a City was chosen for the connection to the language arts curriculum and *The Odyssey* was chosen for the connection to the social studies curriculum.

Rising 8th Grade:

Please read both of these books and one other book of your choice. (3 books total)



Both books have been chosen for their connection to the language arts and social studies curriculum.

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 5th Grade:

Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Watts
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park
The Dreadful, Smelly Colonies by Elizabeth Raum
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
...If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern
DK Eyewitness Books: American Revolution by Stuart Murray
How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja by Marcus Emerson

Rising 6th grade:

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Among the Hidden by Margaret Haddix
The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson
Amistad: A Long Road to Freedom by Walter Dean Myers
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution by Ji-Li Jiang
The Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer
Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Al Capone Does My Shirts: A Tale from Alcatraz by Gennifer Choldenko
A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park
Wonder by R.J. Palacio
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Ruins of Gorlan: The Ranger's Apprentice by John Flanagan

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 7th Grade:

The Crossover Series (*Kwame Alexander*)

Posted (John David Anderson)

March Forward, Girl (Melba Pattillo Beals)

The War that Saved My Life (Kimberly Brubaker Bradley)

Ender's Game Series (*Orson Scott Card*)

The Hunger Games Series (*Suzanne Collins*)

Waiting for Normal (Leslie Connor)

Money Hungry (Sharon G. Flake)

The Graveyard Book (Neil Gaiman)

House Arrest (K.A. Holt)

Alex Rider Series (*Anthony Horowitz*)

The Contender (Robert Lipsyte)

White Fang (Jack London)

The Giver Series (*Lois Lowry*)

A Mango-Shaped Space (Wendy Mass)

Colin Fischer (Ashley Edward Miller)

Eragon Series (*Christopher Paolini*)

A Long Walk to Water (Linda Sue Park)

Boy 21 (Matthew Quick)

The Westing Game (Ellen Raskin)

Ghost (Jason Reynolds)

Friedrich (Hans Peter Richter)

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (Ransom Riggs)

Counting by 7s (Holly Goldberg Sloan)

Peak (Roland Smith)

Maniac Magee (Jerry Spinelli)

When You Reach Me (Rebecca Stead)

The Mysterious Benedict Society Series (*Trenton Stewart*)

The Hobbit (J.R.R. Tolkien)

Paperboy (Vince Vawter)

Additional reading suggestions:

Rising 8th Grade:

- I Kill the Mockingbird (Paul Acampora)
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (John Boyne)
The Boys in the Boat (Daniel James Brown)
The Tyrant's Daughter (J.C. Carleson)
All Fall Down *Embassy Row Series* (Ally Carter)
And Then There Were None (Agatha Christie)
The Alchemist (Paulo Coelho)
Maze Runner Series (James Dashner)
Caraval (Stephanie Garber)
Prisoner B-3087 (Alan Gratz)
The Fault in Our Stars (John Green)
Girl in the Blue Coat (Monica Hesse)
Unbroken (Laura Hillenbrand)
When (Victoria Laurie)
Every Falling Star (Sungju Lee)
I Am Number Four Series (Pittacus Lore)
Legend (Marie Lu)
Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister (Gregory Maguire)
Nowhere Boy (Katherine Marsh)
Cherub Series (Robert Muchamore)
Monster (Walter Dean Myers)
Animal Farm (George Orwell)
Same But Different (Holly Robinson Peete)
My Sister's Keeper (Jodi Picoult)
All We Have is Now (Lisa Schroeder)
Hidden Figures (Margot Lee Shetterly)
Unwind Series (Neal Shusterman)
Chasing Lincoln's Killer (James L. Swanson)
Age of Miracles (Karen Thompson Walker)
The Uglies Series (Scott Westerfield)