

# 8<sup>th</sup> grade 2021 Summer Reading List

Please read one of the following books about World War II.

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

Grenade by Alan Gratz

Soldier X by Don L. Wulffson

Boy with Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank

The Girl from the Train by Irma Joubert

Unbroken Adapted for Young Adults by Laura Hillenbrand

Please read one free choice book. It needs to be written in **poetic verse**. That is a book written in narrative poetry but is novel length.

**READ, READ, AND READ.** Be ready to share with classmates all the great books you have read 😊

**Assessments:** In addition to reading (2) of the books above, you must complete a different bookmark for each book. Please cut out the bookmarks and use them as you read. Typed bookmark responses are due the first day of school. Responses to each question should be at least a paragraph. During the first weeks of school, we will be discussing the books and completing additional activities. Happy Reading!

Bookmark #1	Bookmark #2	Bookmark #3	Bookmark #4
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What were your feelings after reading the opening chapter(s) of this book?</li> <li>2. After reading half of the book?</li> <li>3. After finishing the book?</li> <li>4. How is this book like (or not like) your own life? Explain.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did this book make you laugh? Cry? Smile? Cheer? Explode? Explain your reaction.</li> <li>2. What were the best parts of this book? What are the worst parts? Why?</li> <li>3. What was the author saying about life and living through this book? Explain.</li> <li>4. Do you think the title fits the book? Why or why not?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In what ways are you like any of the characters? Explain.</li> <li>2. Do any of the characters remind you of friends, family members, or classmates? Explain.</li> <li>3. What would you and your favorite character talk about in your first conversation? Begin the conversation.</li> <li>4. What character would you like to be in this book? Why?</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What makes you wonder in this book? Why? What confuses you in this book? Why?</li> <li>2. How do you picture the author of this book? Why do you picture him or her in this way?</li> <li>3. Do you like the ending of the book? Why or why not? Do you think there is more to tell? What do you think might happen next?</li> <li>4. Who else should read this book? Why? Who shouldn't read this book? Why?</li> </ol>