
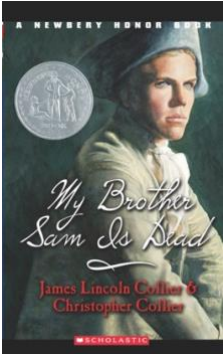


Middle School (6th-8th) Summer Reading Requirements

Students are required to read two books this summer based on grade level. One will be for **literature** class and the other has a **social studies** topic that relates to the history they will be learning. **Please scroll down to the appropriate grade level.**

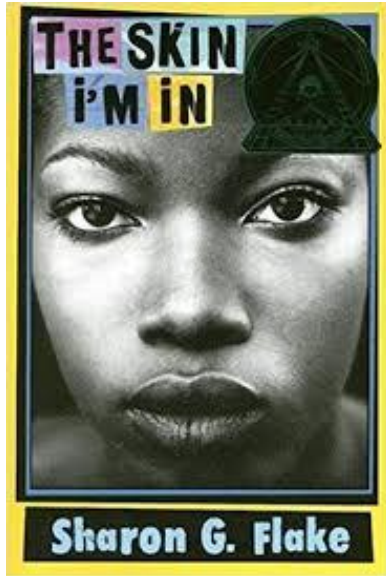
Incoming 6th Graders

<p>Literature: <i>Stargirl</i> by Jerry Spinelli</p> 	<p>Summary: After 15 years of home schooling, Stargirl bursts into 10th grade in an explosion of color and a clatter of ukulele music, enchancing the Mica student body. But the delicate scales of popularity shift, and Stargirl is shunned for everything that makes her different.</p>	<p>Activity: <i>Stargirl</i> Scrapbook Character: Create a scrapbook relating to a character in <i>Stargirl</i>. Requirements: 10 pictures with 5 or more sentences (paragraph) per picture. These pictures can come from the internet, magazines, and/or family photos. The pictures and paragraphs should describe the student and relate them to one of the characters in <i>Stargirl</i>. Descriptions should match the picture and have a reasonable relation/correlation to it. Give reasons how and why they are similar to that character.</p>
<p>Social Studies: <i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i> by Christopher Collier & James Lincoln Collier.</p> 	<p>Summary: It starts out in the 1770's during the Revolution War. Samuel Meeker enters the room of the tavern and chiming in to everybody who is waiting to eat, he comes in saying that he's fighting for the lobster backs. His father, called Life for short, starts arguing with him.</p>	<p>Activity: A discussion and activity will be completed in class.</p>

Incoming 7th Graders

Literature:

The Skin I'm In
by Sharon G. Flake



Summary:

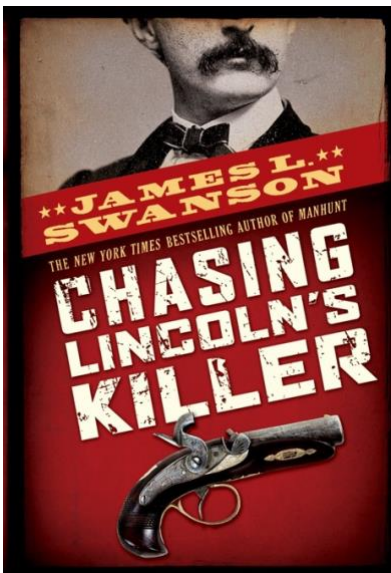
Maleeka Madison is a strong student who has had enough of being teased about her "too black" skin and handmade clothes. When she starts 7th grade, she decides to adopt a sassier attitude and a tougher circle of friends. The last thing she expects is to get "messed up" with another "freak," but that's exactly what happens. After a new teacher, whose face is disfigured from a skin disease, enters her life, will Maleeka be able to learn to love the skin she's in?

Activity:

Students will need to anecdote page by page highlighting examples of literary terms and character description. Write a chapter summary on a post it and attach it to the end of the chapter.

Social Studies:

Chasing Lincoln's Killer
by James I. Swanson



Summary:

Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators and the man hunters, *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth: a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia. This book, based on Swanson's adult bestseller, "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer," is a true account about John Wilkes Booth's assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Activity:

Students will have an in-class discussion and activity in September.

Incoming 8th Graders

Students will be discussing and completing an assignment in September. They should annotate the chapters as they read.

Literature:

Unfriended

by Rachel Vail



Summary:

In middle school, nothing is more important than friendship.

When Truly is invited to sit at the Popular Table with the group she has dreamed of joining, she can hardly believe her luck. Everyone seems so nice, so kind to one another. But all is not as it seems with her new friends, and soon she's caught in a maelstrom of lies, misunderstandings, accusations and counter-accusations, all happening very publicly in the relentless, hyperconnected social media world from which there is no escape.

Social Studies:

Refugee

by Alan Gratz



Summary:

Josef is a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world...

Isabel is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety and freedom in America...

Mahmoud is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe...

All three young people will go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, surprising connections will tie their stories together in the end.