

Eighth Grade Honors Summer Reading List

All Honors students are expected to read at least one book from the Battle of the Books booklist as well as one from the list below:

Title	Author
Shabanu.....	Staples
Red Scarf Girl.....	Jiang
Daniel Half Human.....	Chotjewitz
Summer of My German Soldier.....	Greene
Chinese Cinderella.....	Mah
Before We Were Free.....	Alvarez
Farewell to Manzanar.....	Houston
A Gathering of Old Men.....	Gaines
Homeless Bird.....	Whelan
Cuba 15.....	Osa
Children of the River.....	Crew
Lupita Mañana.....	Beatty
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.....	Taylor

Students planning on taking Honors English in eighth grade must read one of the above-listed books and take careful notes on the elements of fiction (listed below) in the chosen book to be prepared for the writing assigned to be completed in class the first week of school.

Genre	Crisis/ Conflict
Narration	Initiating Event
Characterization	Point of View
Setting	Theme
Plot	Author's tone

Students will be required to read at least one more book from this list during the first marking quarter.

Parents: Please fill out the bottom of this form and send with your child on the first day of school.

I am aware of my child's summer reading choice, and I approve its content and level of difficulty.

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____