Middle School (Grades 6–8) Summer Reading List

AHS Curriculum Books

Sixth Grade

The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth George Speare
Men of Iron	Howard Pyle
The Children's Homer	Padraic Colum
The New Era	

Seventh Grade

A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23	Phillip Keller
Exiled (4th Edition)	Helene Holt
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
For the Strength of Youth	
A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
Amos Fortune	Yates
The Hobbit Tolkien	
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry	Taylor
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Speare
Saints	

Eighth Grade

The Water is Wide	Marianne Monson
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens
The Alchemist	Coelho
Inside out and Back Again	Lai
A Lion and a Lamb	Packer
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom
Up From Slavery	Booker T. Washington
Chains	Anderson
For the Strength of Youth	

Fiction

Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	352
The Wheel on the School	Meindert DeJong	320
Hittie: Her First Hundred Years	Rachel Field	256
Calico Bush	Rachel Field	224
Follow My Leader	James B. Garfield	192
Blue Willow	Doris Gates	176
Cheaper By the Dozen	Frank B. Gilbraith, Jr.	224
Up a Road Slowly	Irene Hunt	208
Rascal	Sterling North	192
Light in the Forest	Conrad Richter	117
The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth George Speare	254

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Heidi (must be a good translation)	Johann Spyri	352
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	288
Lord of the Rings	J.R.R. Tolkein	various
Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	78
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	608
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	1024
Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	544
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Harriet Beecher Stowe	576
The Alliance	Gerald Lund	328
The Freedom Factor	Gerald Lund	295
Leverage Point	Gerald Lund	
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy	J. R. R. Tolkien	423
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	Kate Douglas Wiggin	355
The Swiss Family Robinson	Johann David Wyss	432
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	
The Chosen	Chaim Potok	

Biography

Exiled: The Story of John Lathrop	Helen Hunt	308
Spencer W. Kimball	Edward L Kimball, Edward E Kimball	438
Ezra Taft Benson	Sheri L. Dew	
They Knew the Prophet	Hyrum L. and Helen Mar Andrus	213
Gifted Hands	Ben Carson	224
Abraham Lincoln	Wilbur Gordy	292
Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers (& sequels)	Ralph Moody	260
Up From Slavery	Booker T. Washington	232
Famous Men of Rome	John Haaren	120
The Story of My Life	Helen Keller	240
The Hiding Place	Corrie Ten Boom	272
Diary of Anne Frank	Frank	
John Wesley Powell: Explorer of the Grand Canyon	Bruns	
The Good Fight: How WWII Was Won	Stephen Ambrose	

History and Historical Fiction

Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	224
Of Plymouth Plantation	William Bradford	385
If All the Swords in England: A Story of Thomas Becket	Barbara Willard	194
To Have and To Hold	Mary Johnston	403
Prelude to Glory series	Ron Carter	various
The American Revolution	Bruce Bliven, Jr.	160
Up From Slavery	Booker T. Washington	243
Scottish Chiefs	Jane Porter	520

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The Golden Thread	Nettie Vander Schrier	175
Michael Strogoff: A Courier of the Czar	Jules Verne	340
The Lark and the Laurel	Barbara Willard	207
Ride the West Wind	Barbara Chamberlain	
The Melon Hound	Sandy Dengler	127
Devil in Print	Mary Drewery	216
Early Thunder	Jean Fritz	255
Brady	Jean Fritz	223
Vinegar Boy	Alberta Hawse	
Men of Iron	Howard Pyle	330
Ivanhoe	Sir Walter Scott	499
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls	256
The Agony and the Ecstasy	Irving Stone	

Science

Michael Faraday: Creative Scientist	Martin Gutnik	108
George Washington Carver: The Man Who Overcame	Lawrence Elliott	252
The Search for Planet X	Tony Simon	128
Bellwether	Willis	
Water, A Natural History	Outwater	
A Short History of Nearly Everything	Bryson	
Longitude	Sobel	

Short Story

"The Most Dangerous Game"	Richard Connell
"Monkey's Paw"	William Wymet Jacobs
"The Lottery"	Shirley Jackson
"The Gift of the Magi"	O. Henry
"The Speckled Band"	Arthur Conan Doyle
"They Grind Exceedingly Small"	Ben Ames Williams
"The Frill"	Pearl S. Buck
"A Cup of Tea"	Katherine Mansfield
"The Silver Mine"	Selma Lagerloff
"God Sees the Truth But Waits"	Leo Tolstoy
"The Rat Trap"	Selma Lagerloff
"The Necklace"	Guy de Maupassant
"A Just Judge"	Leo Tolstoy
"A Man without a Country"	Edward Everett Hale
"The Great Stone Face"	Nathaniel Hawthorne
"To Build a Fire"	Jack London
"An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge"	Ambrose Bierce
"The Veldt"	Ray Bradbury
"Harrison Bergeron"	Kurt Vonnegut

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Essay

“Three Days to See”	Helen Keller
“Pleasures of Knowledge”	Sydney Smith
“Pride”	Ezra Taft Benson

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