

Rumson Country Day School
2020 Summer Reading Entering 8th Grade:

Students are required to complete FIVE selections:

Required Reading for History:

Anderson, **Chains**

Required for Literature Class:

Pullman, ***The Golden Compass*** (Complete the Novel, which was begun in school.)

RCDS Short Fiction Collection (on Google Classroom, August 1)

Students will find TWO summer reading books from the following list.

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*

Card, *Ender's Game*

Dunn, *Ella Minnow Pea*

Farmer, *The House of the Scorpion*

Goldman, *The Princess Bride*

Sanderson, *Elantris*

Realistic Fiction

Buyea, *Mr. Terupt Falls Again*

Buyea, *Because of Mr. Terupt*

Chopra, *Fire in the Heart*

Horvath, *My One Hundred Adventures*

Lipsyte, *The Contender*

Pearson, *The Scribbler of Dreams*

Potok, *The Chosen*

Reynolds, *As Brave as You*

Soto, *Baseball in April and Other Stories*

Voight, *Homecoming*

Non-fiction

Crothers, *The Queen of Katwe*

Frank, *The Diary of a Young Girl*

Hickam, *Rocket Boys (a.k.a. October Sky)*

Hillenbrand, *Unbroken (YA edition)*

Hillenbrand, *Seabiscuit*

Tammet, Born on a Blue Day: Inside the

Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant

Thornton, The Ditchdigger's Daughters

Mystery

Brown, *The DaVinci Code (YA edition)*

Christie, *And Then There Were None*

Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*

Mystery (continued)

L'Engle, *The Young Unicorns*

Historical Fiction

Anderson, *Fever 1793*

Fast, *April Morning*

Meissner, *A Fall of Marigolds*

Otsuko, *When the Emperor Was Divine*

Ryan, *Esperanza Rising*

Sepetys, *Salt to the Sea*

Wein, *Code Name Verity*

Zusack, *The Book Thief*

Classics

Alcott, Little Women
Austen, Pride and Prejudice
Doyle, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Hansberry, A Raisin in the Sun
Hinton, The Outsiders
Knowles, A Separate Peace

Poetry/Verse

Alexander, Booked
Woodson, Brown Girl
Dreaming

Graphic Novel

*Lewis, March I**
Spiegelman, Maus
Stevenson, Nimona

** Any title in series is acceptable.*

Some of the novels on this list have been produced as films. While there is value in viewing a director's interpretation of a novel, it cannot replace an individual's reading experience. Readers, especially middle school students, remember their first encounter with literature more accurately in the written form. Therefore, it is imperative that any novel on this list be read BEFORE a movie is seen.

**Reading 30 minutes per day will
maintain one's reading level.
Reading more could boost one's reading
level.**