

Weston Middle School

Summer Reading List

Grade 7

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2008-2009

Students entering Grade 7 in September 2008

Dear Seventh Grade Reader,

The summer is a time when most of us take a break from school, but we shouldn't take a break from reading! The seventh grade English teachers certainly support your individual reading choices, but we want you to add some book titles to your list.

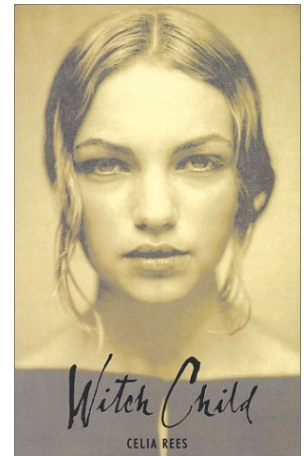
Please read one of these books about the Salem witch trials. These novels complement our seventh grade curriculum and our fall field trip experience to Salem, Massachusetts.

Rinaldi, Ann – *A Break With Charity*

Petry, Ann – *Tituba of Salem Village*

Rees, Celia – *Witch Child*

In addition to reading one of the books about the Salem witch trials, please read at least two books from the summer reading list on the following pages.



Classics

London, Jack – *White Fang*

Jack London's famous tale of dogs, the wilderness, and the fight for survival.



through many mishaps and growing experiences as each book in the series shows her progression.

Montgomery, Lucy M.– *Anne of Green Gables Series*

Eleven-year old Anne is a feisty young girl who must find a way to win the right to stay at Green Gables. Her adventurous spirit leads her

Rawls, Wilson – *Where the Red Fern Grows*

The exciting adventures of a young boy and his two coonhounds, Little Anne and Old Dan, unfold in this heartwarming story.



Stevenson, Robert Louis – *Treasure Island*

A beloved classic about pirates, buried treasure and buccaneers.

Historical Fiction

Avi - *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*

A 13 year-old girl finds herself the only female on a ship of murderous and devious men who accuse her of murder.

Fast, Howard – *April Morning*

The Battle of Lexington comes alive in this hour-by-hour account

Mazer, Harry - *A Boy no More*

Following the death of his father at Pearl Harbor, Adam is evacuated, with the rest of his family, from Hawaii to California.

On the mainland, Adam must deal with his feelings about the war, Japanese internment camps, the loss of his father and his own identity.



Realistic Fiction

Bowers, Laura - *Beauty Shop for Rent*

15 year old Abbey is happy helping her Great Grandmother run their beauty shop, but she feels uncertain when Granny Po decides to sell the shop to a stranger. Abbey also feels uncertain about her relationship with her mother, her savings for the future, and whether Mitch really just wants to be friends.

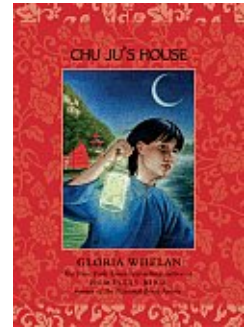


Sachar, Louis - *Small Steps*

From the author of Holes comes this funny and heartwarming story of how Armpit (from Holes) tries to find meaning and purpose in his life. His neighbor Ginny, a younger girl with cerebral palsy, helps him, even as X-Ray tries to lead him astray. A complicated relationship with a celebrity, tops off the plot.

Whelan, Gloria - *Chu Ju's House*

Fourteen - year-old Chu Ju leaves her home in rural China to save her baby sister's life. She supports herself by working at various jobs, while wondering if she will ever see her family again

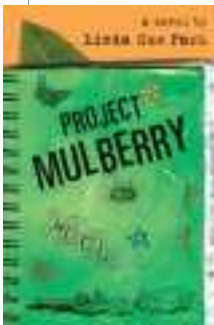


Zindel, Paul - *The Pigman (or any other book in this series)*

Two high school sophomores form a strange relationship with a lonely old man. Together they find laughter and joy.

Park, Linda Sue - *Project Mulberry*

This delightful book explores prejudice, patriotism and conservation within a family and friendship story that keeps you engaged throughout the book .



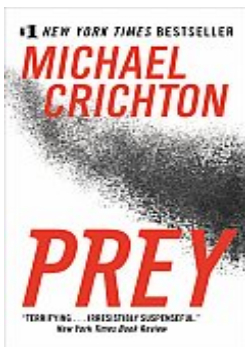
Science Fiction

Avi - *City of Light, City of Dark: A Comic Book Novel*

Many years in the future two pre-teens and their mother must use special powers to prevent a villain from destroying Manhattan. This book is in comic book form.

Card, Orson Scott - *Ender's Game Series*

Ender Wiggin becomes the leader of a troop of children who set out to destroy an alien species on another planet. Future adventures are detailed in the rest of the books in this series.



Crichton, Michael - *Prey*

Nanotechnology gets a mind of its own in this novel combining computers and biology.

Please note: Contains mature language

Haddix, Margaret Peterson - *Among the Hidden Series*

In this futuristic series the population police enforce a law limiting families to two children. Third children live in isolation and fear until they come together and realize they are not alone.



Lowry, Lois - *Gathering Blue and Messenger*

If you were riveted by *The Giver*, Lois Lowry's 1994 Newbery Medal winning masterpiece, then try her companion volumes, *Gathering Blue* and *Messenger*.



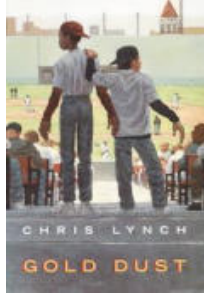
Riordan, Rick - *Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series*

Percy Jackson has a multitude of problems that he must overcome. What a surprise when he finds out he is actually a demigod! Follow him through this whole series to find out about his adventures with Greek Gods.

Sports

Bloor, Edward - *Tangerine*

When a boy who is legally blind moves to a new town, he uses his inner senses to overcome his disability and succeed at soccer.



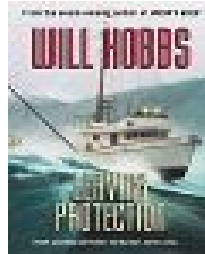
Lynch, Chris - *Gold Dust*

A story about Boston, Fenway Park, Red Sox legends, and Richard Riley Moncreif who hopes to be the next baseball star.

Action-Adventure

Hobbs, Will - *Leaving Protection*

After landing a desired job on a fishing vessel, a 16-year old boy must face a captain who will do anything to find a buried treasure, and mother nature who tries to throw them off course.



Mikaelsen, Ben - *Touching Spirit Bear*

When a violent 15 year-old is sent to a remote island in Alaska in lieu of prison, he must face up to the bear spirit, and his own rage.

Biographies

Filipovic, Zlata - *Zlata's Diary*

The daily account of life in war-torn Sarajevo is recalled in this poignant story.



Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki - *Farewell to Manzanar*

The story of one Japanese American family's attempt to survive the indignities of internment during WWII.

Herriot, James - *All Creatures Great and Small*

A delightful collection of the adventures of an English veterinarian. A must read for animal lovers!

Myers, Walter Dean - *The Greatest: Muhammed Ali*

The life of the famous boxer and political activist is detailed in this wonderful book.

