

LCS Summer Reading List for Students Entering Sixth Grade

Required Reading and Project	<u><i>The Ransom of Mercy</i></u> Carter Caroline Cooney	fiction	730	5.9	13	Write a five paragraph book review of the novel. Your introduction must include brief summary of the novel. Your three body paragraphs must center around three likes or dislikes you have about the novel. Your conclusion paragraph should be your overall recommendation. Would you recommend it? If so, to whom? Why? Please type essay and include a cover page.
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SUGGESTED STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE
Reading List 3 BOOKS FROM BELOW

Author	Title	Type of Book	Lexile	Reading Level	RC Points	Description
Paterson	<u><i>Bridge to Terabithia</i></u>	realistic fiction, relationships	810	5.3	7	The life of a ten-year-old boy expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.
O'Dell	<u><i>The Black Pearl</i></u>	action, adventure	980	5.3	7	Sixteen-year-old Salazar Ramon thinks that life will be wonderful when he finds the Pearl of Heaven, but an Indian fisherman warns him the Manta Diablo will reclaim what belongs to him. Is the legend of the Monster Devilfish true?
Clements	<u><i>The Report Card</i></u>	fiction, Civil Rights	700	5.1	10	Nora, an 11-year-old genius, devises and carries out a plan to make her parents, teachers, and school administrators question the value of grades and testing.
Paulsen	<u><i>Hatchet</i></u>	fiction	1020	6.3	10	After a plane crash, 13-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother.
Sanford	<u><i>Sacagawea: Native American Hero</i></u>	biography	710	5.5	5	Easy-to-read text, photos, and illustrations tell the life of the legendary Shoshone woman who served as an interpreter for Lewis and Clark's exploring party in the early 1800's.
Hamilton	<u><i>Soul Surfer</i></u>	non-fiction	960	7.5	10	The amazing story of the thirteen-year-old surfer girl who lost her arm in a shark attack but never lost her faith-and her triumphant return to competitive surfing.
Johnson	<u><i>Ernest Shackleton: Grippd by the Antarctic</i></u>	biography	890	5.6	7	As a young boy, he loved reading and dreaming about adventures. After his first trip to the Antarctic, he couldn't wait to explore the unknown area of the continent. During one trip his ship was crushed by ice, but he managed to get his crew home.
Byars	<u><i>Summer of the Swans</i></u>	fiction	830	5.2	6	Sarah Godfrey wishes she were pretty and popular and had a normal supportive family that included her absent father.
Bauer	<u><i>Thwonk</i></u>	humorous fiction, art	860	6.5	9	Aspiring photographer, Allison Jean (A.J.) McCreary, finds herself facing a difficult choice when a personal cupid pops into her life and offers to make one of her dreams come true. Can she decide between art school and handsome hunk Peter Terris?
Boyne	<u><i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i></u>	fiction	1080	8.3	12	Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of an eight-year old son of the commandant of a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the fence has startling and unexpected consequences.
O'Dell	<u><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i></u>	fiction	1000	5.5	12	Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends 18 years not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.
Lowry	<u><i>The Giver</i></u>	fiction	760	5-Jan	9	Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other. He then learns the terrible truth about the community.