

LCS Summer Reading List for Students Entering Eighth Grade

Required Reading and Project	<u><i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i></u> by Harper Lee	fiction	870	8.1	19	Write a five paragraph book review of the novel. Your introduction must include a 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 Reading List

**STUDENTS MUST
CHOOSE 3 BOOKS
FROM BELOW**

Author	Title	Type of Book	Lexile	Reading Level	RC Points	Description
Burpo	<u><i>Heaven is for Real</i></u>	non-fiction				The true story of the four-year-old son of a small town Nebraska pastor who during emergency surgery slips from consciousness and enters heaven.
Horvath	<u><i>The Vacation</i></u>	action, humorous fiction	1040	6.9	13	In this humorous adventure, Henry learns to appreciate his two unusual aunts, who have the unlikely names of Pigg and Magnolia when he travels across America with them while his parents are in Africa.
Gibson	<u><i>Miracle Worker</i></u>	fiction		5.9	7	An American classic based on the remarkable true story of Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan.
Scholz	<u><i>The Football Rebels</i></u>	fiction, challenges	930	7.5	12	Unable to make the varsity football team at Midwestern University, freshman Clint Martin decides to buck the athletic organization by starting his own informal team made up of any students who want to play football.
Hinton	<u><i>The Outsiders</i></u>	fiction	750	5.1	10	Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960's Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the youths involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.
Bauer	<u><i>Squashed</i></u>	realistic fiction	930	7.8	11	As a sixteen-year-old pursues her two goals, growing the biggest pumpkin in Iowa, and losing twenty pounds herself, she strengthens her relationship with her father and meets a young man with interests similar to her own.
Koertge	<u><i>The Harmony Arms</i></u>	humorous fiction	680	7.1	11	Fifteen-year-old Gabriel is continually embarrassed by his teacher/writer father, but when he goes to live with him in Los Angeles in an apartment complex full of unusual characters, Gabriel gains new insights into himself and his father in this multiple-award-winning book.
Wiesel	<u><i>Night</i></u>	historical fiction	590	8.7	6	An autobiographical account of a teenager's survival in the Nazi death camps.