

EIGHTH GRADE SUMMER READING LIST

FICTION

1. **A JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH** by Jules Verne **AR LEVEL 9.9**
2. **A TEMPLAR'S APPRENTICE** by Kat Black **AR LEVEL 5.0**
3. **AIRBORN** by Kenneth Oppel **AR LEVEL 5.1**
4. **ALL OF THE ABOVE** by Shelley Pearsall **AR LEVEL 5.3**
5. **ALL-AMERICAN GIRL** by Meg Cabot **AR LEVEL 5.9**
6. **ARTEMIS FOWL SERIES** by Jonathan Stroud **AR LEVELS 5.0 – 5.7**
7. **AT THE SIGN OF THE SUGARED PLUM** and **PETALS IN THE ASHES** by Mary Hooper **AR LEVEL 6.2 and 6.3**
8. **ATTICUS OF ROME** by Barry Denenberg **AR LEVEL 8.4**; **PANDORA OF ATHENS** by Denenberg **AR 7.1**
9. **BELLA AT MIDNIGHT** by Diane Stanley **AR LEVEL 6.0**
10. **BIGGER** by Patricia Calvert **AR LEVEL 5.7**; **BETRAYED** by Calvert **AR LEVEL 5.7**; **SOONER** by Calvert **AR LEVEL 5.8**
11. **BLACK STORM COMIN'** by Diane L. Wilson **AR LEVEL 5.5**
12. **BLOOD TIDE** by Dave Barry **AR LEVEL 5.4**
13. **CAPT. HOOK** by J.V. Hart **AR LEVEL 6.8**
14. **CARLOTA** by Scott O'Dell **AR LEVEL 5.4**
15. **CHAINS** by Laurie Halse Anderson **AR LEVEL 5.2**
16. **CHASING REDBIRD** by Sharon Creech **AR LEVEL 5.0**
17. **CODE ORANGE** by Caroline B. Cooney **AR LEVEL 6.2**
18. **CODE TALKER** by Joseph Bruchac **AR LEVEL 6.4**
19. **CRACKER: THE BEST DOG IN VIETNAM!** By Cynthia Kadohata **AR 4.9**
20. **CRISPIN: THE CROSS OF LEAD** by Avi **AR LEVEL 5.0**
21. **CRISS CROSS** by Lynne Perkins **AR LEVEL 5.5**
22. **CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO SPY** by Ally Carter **AR LEVEL 6.1**
23. **DEAR AMERICA SERIES** by various authors **AR LEVELS 4.5 – 6.3**
24. **DEAR DUMB DIARY SERIES** by Jamie Kelly **AR LEVELS 5.6 – 6.1**
25. **DEEPER** by Roderick Gordon **AR 6.8**; **TUNNELS** by Gordon **7.0**
26. **DIARY OF A WIMPY KID SERIES** by Jeff Kinney **AR LEVELS 5.2 – 5.4**
27. **DOWNSIDERS** by Neal Shusterman **AR LEVEL 7.2**
28. **ELEPHANT RUN** by Roland Smith **AR LEVEL 5.1**
29. **FEARLESS** by Elvira Woodruff **AR LEVEL 5.3**
30. **FIRE FROM THE ROCK** by Sharon Draper **AR LEVEL 5.0**
31. **FLY BY NIGHT** by Frances Hardinge **AR LEVEL 7.1**
32. **FOUND** by Magaret Peterson Haddix **AR LEVEL 5.0**
33. **FRANKENSTEIN** by Mary Shelley **AR LEVEL 12.4**
34. **H.I.V.E.** by Mark Walden **AR LEVEL 7.5**
35. **HANS BRINKER OR THE SILVER SKATES** by Mary Mapes Dodge **AR LEVEL 8.2**
36. **HARRY POTTER SERIES** by J.K. Rowling **AR LEVELS 5.5 – 7.2**
37. **HEIDI** by Johanna Spyri **AR LEVEL 8.2**
38. **INCANTATION** by Alice Hoffman **AR LEVEL 5.0**
39. **INFIELD HIT** by Thomas J. Dygard **AR LEVEL 5.1**
40. **INKHEART** by Cornelia Funke **AR LEVEL 5.4**; **INKSPELL** by Funke **AR 5.6**; **INKDEATH** by Funke **AR 5.4**
41. **JANE EYRE** by Charlotte Bronte **AR LEVEL 7.9**
42. **JOUST OF HONOR: A KNIGHT'S STORY** by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell **AR LEVEL 5.2**

43. **JOUST SERIES** by Mercedes Lackey **AR LEVELS 7.0 – 7.2**
44. **LARKLIGHT** by Philip Reve **AR LEVEL 7.0**
45. **LIONBOY** by Zizou Corder **AR LEVEL 5.7**; **LIONBOY: THE CHASE** by Corder **AR LEVEL 5.4**
46. **LISTEN** by Stephanie Tolan **AR LEVEL 5.4**
47. **LISTENING FOR LIONS** by Gloria Whelan **AR LEVEL 5.7**
48. **LITTLE WOMEN** by Louisa May Alcott **AR LEVEL 7.9**
49. **LOST IN THE LABYRINTH** by Patrice Kindl **AR LEVEL 6.2**
50. **LUNCH MONEY** by Andrew Clements **AR LEVEL 5.2**
51. **LYONESSE: THE WELL BETWEEN THE WORLDS** by Sam Llewellyn **NO AR**
52. **MAGGIE BEAN STAYS AFLOAT** by Tricia Rayburn **AR LEVEL 6.1**
53. **MAIA OF THEBES** by Ann Turner **AR LEVEL 5.3**
54. **MASTER OF DECEPTION** by Jude Watson **AR LEVEL 5.0**
55. **MILLICENT MIN, GIRL GENIUS** by Lisa Yee **AR LEVEL 5.8**
56. **MISS SPITFIRE: REACHING HELEN KELLER** by Sarah Elizabeth Miller **AR 5.8**
57. **NIM'S ISLAND** by Wendy Orr **AR LEVEL 5.8**
58. **NOBODY'S PRINCESS** by Esther Friesner **AR LEVEL 5.8**
59. **PALACE OF MIRRORS** by Margaret Peterson Haddix **AR LEVEL 5.4**
60. **PEAK** by Roland Smith **AR LEVEL 5.0**
61. **PETER PAN** by J.M. Barrie **AR LEVEL 7.2**
62. **POLO'S MOTHER** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor **AR LEVEL 5.7**
63. **PRINCESS ACADEMY** by Shannon Hale **AR LEVEL 6.0**
64. **PRINCESS DIARIES SERIES** by Meg Cabot **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
65. **RANGER'S APPRENTICE SERIES** by John Flanagan **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
66. **REDWALL SERIES** by Brian Jacques **AR LEVELS 5.1 – 6.3**
67. **REGARDING THE (SINK, FOUNTAIN, or TREES) SERIES** by Kate Klise **AR LEVELS 4.8 – 6.4**
68. **SCAT** by Carl Hiaasen **AR LEVEL 5.5**
69. **SECRET IN ST. SOMETHING** by Barbara Brooks Wallace **AR LEVEL 5.5**
70. **SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS** by Lemony Snicket **AR LEVELS 6.2 – 7.4**
71. **SIR THURSDAY** by Garth Nix **AR LEVEL 6.5**; **ONE BEASTLY BEAST (TWO ALIENS, THREE INVENTORS, FOUR FANTASTIC TALES)** by Nix **AR 5.5**
72. **SO B. IT: A NOVEL** by Sarah Weeks **AR LEVEL 5.0**
73. **SONG OF THE SPARROW** by Lisa Ann Sandel **AR LEVEL 5.0**
74. **SOUNDER** by William Armstrong **AR LEVEL 5.3**
75. **SPINDLE'S END** by Robin McKinley **AR LEVEL 7.2**
76. **STAR WARS EPISODE SERIES** by several authors **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
77. **STARCATCHERS SERIES** by Dave Barry **AR LEVELS 5.2 – 5.6**
78. **STRANGER WITH MY FACE** by Lois Duncan **AR LEVEL 6.1**
79. **SUMMER BALL** by Mike Lupica **AR LEVEL 5.3**
80. **THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES** by Arthur Conan Doyle **AR LEVEL 8.8**;
THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES by Doyle **AR 8.3**
81. **THE ALCHEMYST** by Michael Scott **AR LEVEL 6.4**
82. **THE ARCHIVES OF ANTHROPOS SERIES** by John White **AR LEVELS 5.0 – 7.4**
83. **THE ASHLEYS** by Melissa de la Cruz **AR LEVEL 5.4**
84. **THE BIG BURN** by Jeanette Ingold **AR LEVEL 5.5**
85. **THE BLACK CANARY** by Jane Louise Curry **AR LEVEL 6.1**
86. **THE BLACK STALLION SERIES** by Walter Farley **AR LEVELS 5.2 – 6.7**
87. **THE BOOK OF THREE** by Lloyd Alexander **AR LEVEL 5.3**
88. **THE BOY WHO DARED** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti **AR LEVEL 4.9**
89. **THE CAY** by Theodore Taylor **AR LEVEL 5.3**

90. **THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA** by C.S. Lewis **AR LEVELS 5.4 – 5.9**
91. **THE DRAGONOLOGY HANDBOOK** by Ernest Drake **NO AR**
92. **THE EDUCATION OF PATIENCE GOODSPEED** by Heather Vogel Frederick **AR LEVEL 6.8**
93. **THE FLOATING ISLAND: THE LOST JOURNAL OF VEN POLYPHEME** by Elizabeth Haydon **AR LEVEL 5.7**
94. **THE HAND OF DINOTOPIA** by Alan Dean Foster **AR LEVEL 7.0**
95. **THE HUNDRED DRESSES** by Eleanor Estes **AR LEVEL 5.4**
96. **THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET** by Brian Selznick **AR LEVEL 5.1**
97. **THE INVISIBLE MAN** by H.G. Wells **AR LEVEL 7.7**
98. **THE KILLING SEA** by Richard Lewis **AR LEVEL 5.1**
99. **THE KIND OF FRIENDS WE USED TO BE** by Frances O'Roark Dowell **NO AR**
100. **THE LAND OF ELYON SERIES** by Patrick Carman **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
101. **THE LANDRY NEWS: A BRAND NEW SCHOOL STORY** by Andrew Clements **AR LEVEL 6.0**
102. **THE LAST DRAGON** by Silvana De Mari **AR LEVEL 6.5**
103. **THE LEOPARD SWORD** by Michael Cadnum **AR LEVEL 7.3**; **THE BOOK OF THE LION** by Cadnum **AR 6.9**
104. **THE LIFE AND TIMES SERIES** by Barry Denenberg **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
105. **THE LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES** by J.R.R. Tolkien **VARIOUS AR LEVELS**
106. **THE MIDWIFE'S APPRENTICE** by Karen Cushman **AR LEVEL 6.0**
107. **THE MISADVENTURES OF MAUDE MARCH, OR, TROUBLE RIDES A FAST HORSE** by Audrey Coulumbis **AR LEVEL 5.1**
108. **THE MISADVENTURES OF MILLICENT MADDING: BULLY-BE-GONE** by Brian Tacang **AR LEVEL 5.3**
109. **THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY** by Trenton Lee Stewart **AR 5.6**
110. **THE PLANET OF JUNIOR BROWN** by Virginia Hamilton **AR LEVEL 5.1**
111. **THE RANGER'S APPRENTICE SERIES** by John Flanagan **AR LEVEL 6.1 – 6.7**
112. **THE REVENGE OF THE SHADOW KING** by Rick Riordan **AR LEVEL 5.7**
113. **THE ROYAL DIARIES** by Kristiana Gregory **AR LEVEL 5.5 – 6.6**
114. **THE SECOND MRS. GIOCONDA** by E.L. Konigsburg **AR LEVEL 5.7**
115. **THE SEEMS: THE GLITCH IN SLEEP** by John Hulme and Michael Wexler **AR 6.6**
116. **THE SHADOW THIEVES** by Anne Urse **AR LEVEL 5.1**
117. **THE SINGER OF ALL SONGS** by Katel Constable **AR LEVEL 6.2**
118. **THE THIEF** by Megan Whalen Turner **AR LEVEL 6.0**; **THE QUEEN OF ATTOLIA** by Turner **AR 6.7**; **THE KING OF ATTOLIA** by Turner **AR LEVEL 5.7**
119. **THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY** by E.L. Konigsburg **AR LEVEL 5.9**
120. **THE VOYAGE OF THE FROG** by Gary Paulsen **AR LEVEL 6.0**; **HATCHET** by Paulsen **AR LEVEL 5.7**; **BRIAN'S WINTER** by Paulsen **AR LEVEL 5.9**; **THE ISLAND** by Gary Paulsen **AR LEVEL 5.7**; **LEGEND OF BASS REEVES** by Paulsen **AR LEVEL 5.8**
121. **THE WARRIORS SERIES** by Erin Hunter **AR LEVELS 4.3 – 6.3**
122. **THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM** by Christopher Paul Curtis **AR LEVEL 5.0**; **ELIJAH OF BUXTON** by Curtis **AR LEVEL 5.4**
123. **THE YEAR OF THE HANGMAN** by Gary Blackwood **AR LEVEL 5.9**
124. **THE YEARLING** by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings **AR LEVEL 5.0**
125. **THOROUGHbred SERIES** by various authors **AR LEVEL 5.0 - 5.8**
126. **TUCK EVERLASTING** by Natalie Babbitt **AR LEVEL 5.0**
127. **TWO HOT DOGS WITH EVERYTHING** by Paul Haven **AR LEVEL 5.8**
128. **WEIRD STUFF** and **FREAKY STUFF** by Richard Tulloch **AR LEVELS 5.0 – 5.1**
129. **YOUNG ROYALS SERIES** by Carolyn Meyer **AR LEVEL 6.6 - 7.3**

130. ZORRO by Isabel Allende AR LEVEL 8.5

NON-FICTION

131. AT HER MAJESTY'S REQUEST: AN AFRICAN PRINCESS IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND by Walter Dean Myers AR LEVEL 7.1
132. BARBARO: AMERICA'S HORSE by Shelly Mickle AR LEVEL 5.1
133. BASEBALL'S BONEHEADS, BAD BOYS, & JUST PLAIN CRAZY GUYS by George Sullivan AR LEVEL 5.7
134. BASHER FIVE-TWO: THE TRUE STORY OF F-16 FIGHTER PILOT CAPTAIN SCOTT O'GRADY by Scott O'Grady AR LEVEL 7.0
135. BORN TO FLY: THE HEROIC STORY OF DOWNED U.S. NAVY PILOT LT. SHANE OSBORN by Shane Osborn AR LEVEL 7.9
136. CHASING LINCOLN'S KILLER by James L. Swanson AR LEVEL 7.5
137. CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN by Frank B. Gilbreth Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey AR LEVEL 6.0
138. DINO WARS by Jinny Johnson AR LEVEL 8.3
139. DK PUBLISHING SERIES by various authors VARIOUS AR LEVELS
140. EVERYTHING DOG by Marty Crisp AR LEVEL 5.9; EVERYTHING CAT by Crisp AR LEVEL 6.1
141. EYEWITNESS SERIES by various authors VARIOUS AR LEVELS
142. GIRLS GOT GAME: SPORTS STORIES AND POEMS by H. Holt AR LEVEL 5.6
143. HITLER YOUTH: GROWING UP IN HITLER'S SHADOW by Susan Campbell Bartoletti AR LEVEL 7.8
144. HOW ANGEL PETERSON GOT HIS NAME by Gary Paulsen AR LEVEL 6.0
145. ICKY, STICKY, GROSS-OUT BOOKS SERIES by Pam Rosenberg VARIOUS AR LEVELS
146. IF YOU LIVED AT THE TIME OF MARTIN LUTHER KING by Ellen Levine AR LEVEL 5.7
147. IN THE LINE OF FIRE : PRESIDENTS' LIVES AT STAKE by Judith St. George AR LEVEL 7.3
148. INSIDE COLLEGE FOOTBALL by Michael Sommers AR LEVELS 6.5-8.0
149. NBA READER SERIES by various authors AR LEVELS 5.5-6.4
150. OH, RATS! THE STORY OF RATS AND PEOPLE by Albert Marrin AR LEVEL 6.2
151. OUR WHITE HOUSE; LOOKING IN, LOOKING OUT by David McCullough NO AR
152. SECRETS, LIES, GIZMOS, AND SPIES by Janet Wyman Coleman AR LEVEL 7.8
153. SERVING YOUR COUNTRY SERIES by various authors AR LEVELS 4.7-6.5
154. SHARKS by Beverly McMillan and John A. Musick AR LEVEL 7.9
155. SLEEPING BEAR ALPHABET BOOKS SERIES – SPORTS AND NATURE by various authors VARIOUS AR LEVELS.
156. SOCCER STARS by Joe Funk NO AR
157. SOUL SURFER by Bethany Hamilton AR LEVEL 6.0
158. TASTING THE SKY: A PALESTINIAN CHILDHOOD by Ibtisam Barakat AR LEVEL 5.8
159. TEAM SPIRIT SERIES by Mark Stewart VARIOUS AR LEVELS
160. THE 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEENS by Sean Covey NO AR
161. THE PLANET'S MOST EXTREME SERIES by Blackbirch Press AR LEVELS 5.9-6.5
162. THE WORLD ACCORDING TO DOG by Joyce Sidman AR LEVEL 5.5
163. WHEN IS A PLANET NOT A PLANET?: THE STORY OF PLUTO by Elaine Scott AR LEVEL 6.6

164. WITNESSES TO WAR by Michael Leapman AR LEVEL 7.3