**MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 7-8)**

All 7th and 8th grade students must read two books this summer and write a brief book review for each book (see details about this assignment below). Each student must choose one book from the list of recommended books. The second book may be from this list, or a book of the student’s choosing.

**Summer Reading 2017**

**Summer Reading List for students entering grades 7-8**

You must read two books this summer and write a brief book review for each book (see details about this assignment below). You must choose one book from this list. The second book may be from this list, or a book of your choosing.

Realistic Fiction

*Kit’s Wilderness* David Almond  
*Out of My Mind*  Sharon Draper   
*Mockingbird* Kathryn Erskine

*Ghost* Jason Reynolds

*Eleven*  Tom Rogers

*Zen and the Art of Faking It* Jordan Sonnenblick

*Fuzzy Mud* Louis Sachar   
*The Running Dream* Wendelin Van Draanen

Unrealistic Fiction – Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Dystopia

*Red Queen* Victoria Aveyard  
*The Reader*  Traci Chee  
*The Maze Runner* James Dashner  
*The House of the Scorpio*n Nancy Farmer  
*I Am Number Four* Pittacus Lore  
*The Weight of Feathers* Anna-Marie McLemore  
*Heartless* Marissa Meyer

*Scythe*  Neal Shusterman

*The Scorpio Races* Maggie Stiefvater  
  
Historical Fiction  
*The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing* -- M.T. Anderson  
*The Passion of Dolssa* Julie Berry  
*Once* Morris Gleitzman  
*The Hired Girl* Laura Amy Schlitz   
*Between Shades of Gray* Ruta Sepetys  
*Wolf Hollow* Lauren Wolk  
  
Non-fiction  
*The Boys in the Boat* (YA Adaptation) Daniel James Brown  
*Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsberg --* by [Irin Carmon](https://www.amazon.com/Irin-Carmon/e/B01792XM3S/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?qid=1497019293&sr=8-1) and [Shana Knizhnik](https://www.amazon.com/Shana-Knizhnik/e/B017932BZW/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?qid=1497019293&sr=8-1)  
*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* Phillip M. Hoose  
*Alexander Hamilton: The Making of America* -- Teri Kanefield   
  
Classics                        
*Little Women*  Louisa May Alcott     
*The Martian Chronicles* Ray Bradbury  
*The Hobbit* J.R.R. Tolkien       
  
Graphic Novels  
*I am Princess X*  Cherie Priest  
*The Marvels* Brian Selznick  
*Smile* Raina Telgemeier

**BOOK REVIEW ASSIGNMENT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Assignment: Read two books (at least one from the list above) and write a book review for each book. The reviews will appear on Solebury School’s book review blog, “Solebury Reads.”

Due: Post your reviews to the Solebury School website this summer. They are due by the first day of school.

Here’s how:

Step 1: Go to: http://soleburyreads.blogspot.com/

Step 2: Click on “Submit a Book Review.”

Step 3: Answer the questions on the site.

Step 4: When you are asked to include “tags” to describe the book, include “Middle School” as one of your tags.

Step 5: Write a review of the book that is 200 to 250 words long. A review usually includes a brief description of the book’s plot (without giving away any important secrets or the ending!) and your opinion of the book. Think about whether or not you liked the book and why. Was it boring, exciting, confusing, captivating or fun to read? Did you relate to the main character? Did you like the author’s writing style?

Step 6: Submit your review!

*NOTE: If you have any problems or questions, email Lauren Eckstein at leckstein@solebury.org.*