

SUMMER READING 8 GUIDELINES

8th Grade students:

You must read 3 books as described below. Notice how you should submit each one:

1) **ONE book** from the 8th grade **Summer GOR List**

• **Choose one** question to answer in **2–3 paragraphs**:

- Describe how the theme of Taking a Stand is seen in one of the characters.
- Describe how South East Asian history is a necessary part of the main plot.
- Explain your expectations at the beginning of the book and how/why you were satisfied or disappointed at the end.



• **SUBMIT** this as a pdf attachment, Word document or Open Office document (with your name and book title at the top), in an email to Ms. Fischer <jfischer@caj.or.jp> before the first day of school in August 2014. (DO NOT share this with me as a Google doc.)

2) **ONE book** from the Bible, Math, Science, Social Studies **Content List**

• To complete the Summer Reading #2 Content Book form:

- Create an **A4 size electronic document** similar to the template.
- Fill in the **title** and **author** of the book.
- Choose the **number of stars** that shows your opinion of the book (5=beyond my expectations–WOW! 4=excellent, 3=good, 2=OK), and put that number in the star.
- In the “Let Me Recommend...” box, **write 4–5 sentences** why you would recommend this book to other 8th grade students.
- Take a picture of you holding the book** and insert it in the photo position like the template.
- Fill in **your first and last name** at the bottom.
- Print your A4 size color** document.



• **SUBMIT** this by **bringing your printed A4 size color copy to school** during the first week, **August 26–29, 2014.**

3) **ONE book** of your choice, written in English at your own reading level, on or off the 8th grade Summer Reading List

• Complete the Summer Reading #3 Choice Book ticket by completing these:

- Fill in your first and last name.
- Fill in the title of the book and the author’s name.
- Ask your parent to sign after you finish reading the book.



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The 8th Grade Summer Reading List is attached, but you can also view it on the CAJ website, Life @ CAJ under Library. (Click on the Library icon, then the 8th Grade Summer Reading List.)

8th G. O. R. (2014-15) * =audio version available

Abeel, S. **My 13th Winter**
 Avi **Nothing But the Truth**
 Avi **Seer of Shadows**
 Avi **The Traitor's Gate**
 Balielt, B. ***Chasing Vermeer**
 Balielt, B. ***The Wright 3**
 Balliet, B. **The Calder Game**
 Baskin, N. **Anything But Typical**
 Bauer, J. **Hope Was Here**
 Bemis, J. **Nine Pound Hammer**
 Bowen, A. **Wolf, the Journey Home**
 Bradford, C. **Young Samurai: The Way...Sword**
 Clements, A. **Things Not Seen**
 Cochrane, M. **The Girl Who Threw Butterflies**
 Connor, L. **Waiting for Normal**
 Cooney, C. **If the Witness Lied**
 de Quidt, J. **The Toymaker**
 Fenner, C. **The King of Dragons**
 Funke, C. **Reckless**
 Funke, C. ***Thief Lord**
 Funke, C. ***Inkheart**
 Funke, C. **Inkspell**
 Gardner, L. **Out of the Woods**
 Gordon, A. **Twenty Gold Falcons**
 Grennan, C. **Little Princes: One Man's Promise**
 Grisham, J. **The Testament**
 Grisham, J. **Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer**
 Gutwein, A. **Take Your Best Shot**
 Haddon, M. **Boom!**
 Heldring, T. **Roy Morelli Steps Up to the Plate**
 Henkes, K. **Olive's Ocean**
 Hiassen, C. ***Flush**
 Hiassen, C. ***Hoot**
 Hoobler, D. **The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn**
 Ingold, J. **Paper Daughter**
 Kadohata, C. ***Kira-kira**
 Kerley, B. **Greetings From Planet Earth**
 Lane, A. **Death Cloud**
 Lasky, K. **Hawksmaid**
 Lawhead, S. **Byzantium**
 Leeds, C. **The Unfortunate Son**
 Lewis, C. S. **Out of the Silent Planet**
 Lowry, L. **Messenger**
 Lowry, L. **Gossamer**
 Lowry, L. **Son**
 Magorian, M. **Good Night, Mr. Tom**
 McCaughrean **Cyrano**
 Mone, G. **Fish**
 Mortenson, G. **Three Cups of Tea**
 Muchamore, R. **The Recruit**
 Napoli, D. **Daughter of Venice**
 Napoli, D. **The Wager**
 Orr, W. **Peeling the Onion**
 Peck, R. **The Teacher's Funeral**
 Peck, R. **Here Lies the Librarian**
 Perkins, L. **As Easy As Falling Off...Earth**
 Perkovich, O. **8th Grade Super Zero**

Raskin, E. **The Westing Game**
 Reeve, P. **Here Lies Arthur**
 Sachar, L. **Small Steps**
 Schlitz, L. **Splendors and Glooms**
 Schmatz, P. **Bluefish**
 Schmidt, G. ***Wednesday Wars**
 Schusterman, N. **The Schwa Was Here**
 Sensel, Joni **The Farwalker's Quest**
 Sheth, K. **Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet**
 Shinn, S. **Gateway**
 Shulman, P. **The Grimm Legacy**
 Slade, A. **Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules**
 Smith, G. **The Forest in the Hallway**
 Stratton, A. **The Grave Robber's Apprentice**
 Tashjian, J. **My Life as a Book**
 Updale, E. **Montmorency: Thief,...Gentleman?**
 Updale, E. **Montmorency: On the Rocks**
 Updale, E. **Montmorency and the Assassins**
 Van Draanen **The Running Dream**
 Weeks, S. **So B. It**
 Yolen, J. **Trollbridge**

SOCIAL STUDIES CONTENT BOOKS

Barakat, I. **Tasting the Sky**
 Boyne, J. ***The Boy in Striped Pajamas**
 Bruchac, J. **Code Talker**
 Burg, Ann **All the Broken Pieces**
 Carmi, D. **Samir and Yonatan**
 Chapman, F. **Is It Night or Day?**
 Compestine, Y. **Revolution is Not a Dinner Party**
 Cushman, K. **The Loud Silence of Francine Green**
 Gleeson, L. **Mahtab's Story**
 Gratz, A. ***Samurai Shortstop**
 Gold, A. **A Special Fate**
 Houston, J. **Farewell to Manzanar**
 Hughes, D. **Missing in Action**
 Kadohata, C. **A Million Shades of Gray**
 Kadohata, C. **Weedflower**
 Kidd, R. **Monkey Town**
 Kim, H. **The Long Season of Rain**
 Leyson, L. **The Boy on the Wooden Box**
 Laird, E. **A Little Piece of Ground**
 Li, C. **Mao's Last Dancer**
 Namioka, L. **Ties That Bind, Ties That Break**
 Park, L. ***A Long Walk to Water**
 Park, L. ***When My Name Was Keoko**
 Paterson, K. **Master Puppeteer**
 Perkins, M. **Bamboo People**
 Preus, M. **Heart of a Samurai**
 Salisbury, G. **Eyes of the Emperor**
 Salisbury, G. **House of the Red Fish**
 Salisbury, G. **Under the Blood-Red Sun**
 Sepetys, R. **Between Shades of Gray**
 Smith, R. **Elephant Run**
 Spinelli, J. **Milkweed**
 Uchida, Y. **Journey to Topaz**
 Whelan, G. **Chu Ju's House**
 Wiles, D. **Countdown**
 Yep, L. **Dragon's Gate**

CONTENT BOOKS

for Summer Reading

SOCIAL STUDIES (NOT on the GOR list)

- Benge J. Douglas MacArthur
Blumberg, R. Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun
Galloway, P. Adventures on the Ancient Silk Road
Grant, R. G. Why Did Hiroshima Happen?
Keat, N. Alive in the Killing Fields
Lekuton, J. Facing the Lion
Tunnell, M.. Candy Bomber
Turnbull, S. The Most Daring Raid of the Samurai

BIBLE

- Benge, J.&G. David Bussau: Facing the World Head On
Benge, J.&G. Jacob DeShazer: Forgive Your Enemies
Benge, J.&G. Lillian Trasher: The Greatest Wonder in Egypt
Benge, J.&G. Sundar Singh: Footprints Over the Mountains
dcTalk Jesus Freaks, v. 1:...The Ultimate Jesus Freaks
dcTalk Jesus Freaks, v. 2:...Fearing God, Not Man
Jackson, D.&N. Hero Tales
McKissack, P. Let My People Go
Morimoto, T. By Grace & Mercy
Zhang, S. A Little Tiger in the Chinese Night: An Autobiography in Art

MATH

- Bendick, J. Archimedes and the Door of Science
Collier, B. Charles Babbage and the Engines of Perfection
Harkins, S. The Life and Times of Pythagoras
Hayhurst, C. Euclid: the Great Geometer
Tent, MBW Emmy Noether: The Mother of Modern Algebra
Tent, MBW Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz: The Polymath Who Brought Us Calculus
Tent, MBW Leonhard Euler and the Bernoullis: Mathematicians from Basal
Tent, MBW The Prince of Mathematics: Carl Friedrich Gauss
Reimer, L.&W. Mathematicians are People Too

ENGLISH

- Gorrell, G. Say What? The Weird and Mysterious Journey of the English Language

SPORTS

- Blumenthal, K. Let Me Play: The Story of...the Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America

SCIENCE

- Burns, L. Hive Detectives: Chronicle of a Honey Bee Catastrophe
Burns, L. Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion
Chevat, R. The Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat
Coelho, A. Why is Milk White?: & 200 Other Curious Chemistry Questions
Dingle, A. How to Make a Universe With 92 Ingredients
Gogerly, L. Fossil Fuels
Green, D. Extreme Physics: Take a Quantum Leap to the Edge of Science
Hoose, P. Moonbird: A Year on the Wind With the Great Survivor B95
Latham, D. Bridges and Tunnels: Investigate Feats of Engineering
MacLeod, E. Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helped Solve History's Mysteries
Markle, S. The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery
Malnor, B. Earth Heroes: Champions of the Wilderness
Marrin, A. Black Gold: The Story of Oil in Our Lives
Murphy, J. Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure
Murphy, J. An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
Newquist, HP The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins
Richardson, G. Ten Plants That Shook the World
Rusch, E. Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives
Silvey, A. The Plant Hunters: True Stories of Their Daring Adventures to the Far Corners of the Earth
Woodford, C. Atoms and Molecules: Investigating the Building Blocks of Matter
?? The Secrets of the Universe (5-item series)

Summer Reading Choice #2 Book:

Title of book

Author of book



Your First
and Last
Name

LET ME RECOMMEND...

4-5 sentences explaining why you
would recommend this book to other
8th graders



Summer Reading Choice #3 Book:

Student Name: _____

Title of book: _____

Author: _____

Parent Signature: _____