

## LTMS Sixth Grade Language Arts | Summer Reading 2018

Pre-AP Students: Choose **TWO** of the titles below to read over the summer.

On-Level Students: Choose **ONE** of the titles below to read over the summer.

<b>Historical Fiction</b>	<b><i>Refugee</i></b> by Alan Gratz   Josef, a Jewish boy in 1930s Nazi Germany, flees the concentration camp. Isabel, a 1994 Cuban girl, tries to escape riots and unrest. Mahmoud's homeland is torn apart by war in 2015 Syria. All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers, from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is hope of tomorrow- and shocking connections that tie their stories together in the end.
	<b><i>The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel</i></b> by Deborah Hopkinson   13 year old Eel is trying to survive the mean streets of 1850s London. Life is hard, but nothing prepares him for the devastating outbreak of Cholera that kills hundreds in his neighborhood. What can one boy do to help find the cause of the outbreak and end the great trouble?
	<b><i>The Lions of Little Rock</i></b> by Kristin Levine   Marlee finds her voice to speak out against racism and segregation when she makes a real friend in Liz, an African-American girl passing for white, in her 1958 Little Rock junior high school.
	<b><i>An Elephant in the Garden</i></b> by Michael Morpurgo   Lizzie, an ailing elderly woman, recounts her childhood memories of life in Dresden, Germany during the 1945 allied bombings that destroyed the city. She and her family fled the city, taking with them an orphaned elephant her mother has cared for since its birth.
	<b><i>A Night Divided</i></b> by Jennifer Nielsen   The Berlin Wall goes up in one night literally dividing Greta's family in half. Years later there is hope of her family reuniting if they are willing to take a huge risk.
	<b><i>Countdown</i></b> by Deborah Wiles   1962: Franny Chapman lives in the shadow of the Cold War and life is changing faster than she can imagine. Margie, her best friend, suddenly dislikes her for no apparent reason. Her older sister, Jo Ellen, is mysteriously leaving home for long periods. Crazy Uncle Otts is making a fool of the family in front of the whole neighborhood, and the entire United States is worried about Russia launching a nuclear bomb from Cuba. The world is on edge as President Kennedy tries to negotiate a peaceful settlement, but Franny's world will never be the same.
	<b><i>Four-Four-Two</i></b> by Dean Hughes   Yuki Nakahara is an American. But during World War II many Japanese Americans are forced into internment camps. Yuki doesn't accept this injustice—it's his country, and he enlists in the army. Yuki and his friend Shig aren't prepared for the experiences of the "Four-FourTwo," a segregated regiment made up of Japanese-American soldiers. Before Yuki can return home, he'll face prejudices, combat, and friendships deeper than he knew possible.
<b>Nonfiction</b>	<b><i>The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights</i></b> by Steve Sheinkin   Little known Civil Rights milestone: During World War II, black sailors performed the dangerous job of loading ammunition, without training or safety procedures. After an explosion killed hundreds, sailors were court martialed for refusing to load ammo.
	<b><i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i></b> by Steve Sheinkin   In 1876, a group of counterfeiters attempt to get their prized engraver out of jail by hatching an outrageous plan to steal President Abraham Lincoln's body from his tomb and holding the body for ransom.
	<b><i>Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What It Means to Be a Hero</i></b> by Peter Collier   What turns an ordinary person into a hero? What happens in the blink of an eye on a battlefield (or in any dangerous situation) to bring out true courage? The men and women who have been recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation know the answers to these questions deep in their hearts.
<b>Memoir</b>	<b><i>The Boy on the Wooden Box</i></b> by Leon Leyson   Leon Leyson describes growing up in Poland, being forced from home to ghetto to concentration camps by the Nazis, and being saved by Oskar Schindler.
	<b><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i></b> by Jacqueline Woodson   "Using words that sing with both the complexity and simplicity of a symphony, and memories that both sting and inspire, Jacqueline Woodson's <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> is an intimate journey of victory, sorrow, and discovery. Sharp social commentary of a country's struggle to live up to its ideals, an honest portrayal of the strength of family, and the delicate blossoming of a young writer make this memoir in verse a gift to all who read it." —nationalbook.org

*Unless otherwise noted, all book descriptions have been taken from the Texas Library Association's Lone Star Reading Lists.*