### Fiction

**Gone** by Michael Grant
All of the adults just vanished. No doctors, no parents, no cops. NO ADULTS. Only toddlers and teens remain. No one knows what to do or how to do anything. Hunger threatens and bullies rule. Animals are mutating and the teens themselves are changing. It’s a terrifying new world. Sides are being chosen and war is imminent. This book is a page-turning thriller that makes you look at the world in a whole new way.

**The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green
Two teenage cancer patients attending a support group unexpectedly meet and fall in love. As a result of their budding relationship, both teenagers together experience the adventure of a lifetime with an opportunity to travel overseas to meet an author of one of their favorite books. While on the trip, one of them discloses that they have taken a medical turn for the worst. Everything changes.

**A Night Divided** by Jennifer A. Nielsen
A young girl named is separated from her dad and brother by an overnight built wall that divides East Berlin from West Berlin. She finds an abandoned building close to the wall where she and her older brother start digging a tunnel to reunite their family on the West side. The journey is extremely dangerous as every attempt requires them to avoid the surrounding Germans which puts their lives in daily jeopardy.

**The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien
Bilbo Baggins, a hobbit, is perfectly content to live a peaceful life at home, far away from any adventure. But adventure finds him when Gandalf the wizard arrives at his door with a company of homeless dwarves. Now Bilbo must face hungry trolls, giant spiders, and other unknown dangers on a quest to reclaim the dwarves’ city from the great dragon Smaug.

**Lord of the Flies** by William Golding
During an unnamed time of war, a plane carrying a group of British schoolboys is shot down over the Pacific. The pilot of the plane is killed, but many of the boys survive the crash and find themselves deserted on an uninhabited island, where they are alone without adult supervision. As an allegory about human nature and society, Lord of the Flies draws upon Judeo-Christian mythology to elaborate on the novel’s sociological and political hypothesis.

**Shadow and Bone** by Leigh Bardugo
Alina Starkov, an orphaned refugee serving the army in a war torn nation, spends her days concerned only about winning the affections of her childhood friend and fellow refugee, Mal. When her convoy is attacked suddenly, Alina’s dormant magical powers reveal themselves and she is ripped away from everything she knows, including Mal, to become a member of the Grisha, the magical elite.

**Bruiser** by Neal Shusterman
When a mysterious and socially withdrawn Brewster Rawlins falls for a girl at school, he puts his own life in jeopardy. Brewster’s Uncle tries to keep the budding relationship from progressing and claims it is for his own protection. Brewster must make a choice between his family or his girlfriend because his body cannot survive both.

**The Warrior’s Heart** by Eric Greitens
Eric Greitens shares his second-person narratives with specific details of the dangerous streets and protests in other parts of the world. His shared personal graphic journeys demonstrate the humanitarian assistance needed for the orphaned children in Rwanda and struggling refugees in Bosnia. His heart-wrenching experiences help to prepare him for the hardest military training in the world where he teams up with fellow SEALS to hunt al Qaeda terrorist in Iraq.

### Memoir

**Seal Team Six** by Howard E. Wasdin and Stephen by Douglas Rogers
Howard E. Wasdin recounts his thrilling journey to becoming one of the deadliest snipers in the world as a member of the elite SEAL Team Six. Wasdin takes the reader through the grueling selection process and training of the SEAL Teams. One year out of sniper school, while on a mission to capture a Somali warlord, Wasdin fought for his life and the lives of his soldiers in the Battle of Mogadisu. His authentic and exhilarating retelling of dramatic combat tales makes this “one of the most explosive military memoirs in years.”

**Night** by Elie Wiesel
In 1944, in the village of Sighet, Romania, twelve-year-old Elie Wiesel spends much time and emotion on the Talmud and on Jewish mysticism. His instructor, Moshe the Beadle, returns from a near-death experience and warns that Nazi aggressors will soon threaten the serenity of their lives. NOTE: Novel contains disturbing content as it is an account of the Holocaust.

**The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens** by Sean Covey
Using fun quotes, cartoons and stories from real teens, Sean Covey applies the timeless principles of the 7 Habits to youths and the tough issues and life-changing decisions they face. In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, and achieve their goals.
Summer Assignment for Eighth Grade

Upon the start of the new school year, we would like all students to be prepared to discuss their Summer Reading. To help you prepare, please answer these Fabulous Five Questions about the novel(s).

You will be sharing your answers with your classmates, so provide thoughtful answers. For each question – you must provide a clear answer/explanation and quotations/passages from the novel that supports your answer. Answers should be in complete sentences.

1. I enjoyed or did not enjoy this book because....

2. I don’t understand how/why...

3. I learned that... (This could be about anything you learned from the book: history information, new vocabulary, etc.)...

4. What would you like to ask/tell the author (if you could)?

5. My friend who would like this book the most (or least) would be ___ because...