

# DRIFTWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Summer Reading Program



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## Summer Reading Program Information

- All students are required to read **one** or **two** novels from their incoming grade level list.
- Students must complete one of the grade level activity choices.
- **Alternate Reading Choices:**  
If you find it difficult to locate a novel from our list, you may choose another novel written by one of the authors on the list.
- **This mandatory assignment is due by September 13, 2021.**
- The completed activity will be included in your grade for the first marking period.

## Literary Elements to Remember:

- Setting-The time and place of the action.
- Main Character-A description that thoroughly describes him/her.
- Characters-The people, animals or imaginary creatures who take part in the action of a work of literature.
- Conflict-The problem the characters encounter.
- Climax-The point of greatest interest in a story or play.
- Theme-The moral or message the author is trying to relay through the plot of the novel.

## Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Novel List

"Moving Target" (610L) Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
"Amelia Earhart" (1,000L) Tanya Lee Stone  
"Harriet Tubman: Conductor on The Underground Railroad" (1,000L) Ann Petry  
"Terror at Bottle Creek" (650L) Watt Key  
"The War That Saved My Life" (580L) Kimberly B. Bradely  
"Framed" (680L) James Ponti  
"One for The Murphys" (520L) Lynda Mullaly Hunt  
"The Nerdy Dozen: Jack Strong Takes a Stand" (640L) Tommy Greenwald  
"Slink: No Surrender" (770L) Carl Hiassen  
"Twerp" (730L) Mark Goldblatt

### Activity Choices

Create a poster-sized advertisement for the novel's upcoming movie release.

Create a timeline that includes major events in the story.

Create a multimedia project such as a book trailer using moviemaker software featuring the highlights of the story.

Write a detailed letter to the main character offering advice during the climax of the story.

## Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Novel List

"Chomp" (800L) Carl Hiaasen  
"The Secret of Rover" (690L) Rachel Wildavsky  
"A Wrinkle in Time" (740L) Madelaine L'Engle  
"Omega City" (700L) Diana Peterfreund  
"Counting By 7s" (770L) Holly Goldberg Sloan  
"Freedom Walker: Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott" (1,110L) Russell Freedman  
"Joan of Arc" (980L) Diane Stanley  
"Shadows of Sherwood" (650L) Kekla Magoon  
"The Girl Who Drank the Moon" (640L) Kelly Barnhill  
"How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer" (740L) Taryn Sounders

### Activity Choices

Create a flipbook or pamphlet to identify all essential story elements.

Design a comic strip that represents the plot of the novel. Multimedia designs are acceptable.

Compile a list of 20 interview questions for the main character to answer and include likely responses this character would give.

Create a collage using words and pictures from magazines and/or newspapers that represents literary elements from your novel.

Create a book trailer featuring the highlights of the story.

## Incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Novel List

"The Nest" (640L) Kenneth Oppel  
"Randoms" (840L) David Liss  
"The Girl in the Well was Me" (780L) Karen Rivers  
"Courage for Beginners: It Ain't so Awful Falafel" (730L) Firoozeh Dumas  
"Stung" (HL760L) Bethany Wiggins  
"This Mark of a Dragonfly" (820L) Jaleigh Johnson  
"The Outsiders" (750L) S. E. Hinton  
"To Be a Slave" (1,080L) Julius Lester  
"The Crossover" (750L) Kwame Alexander  
"Seeing Red" (760L) Kathryn Erskine

### Activity Choices

Construct a story map to illustrate the plot of your novel. The map should include the exposition, rising action, climax, and falling action/resolution. May use power point presentation.

Write a 5-day diary that the main character may have written. Use the main character's voice and include important literary elements and events from the novel.

Design a new book jacket for your novel. The jacket should be well illustrated and include a summary of important highlights that would peak the interest of a reader looking for a great novel.

Create a book trailer featuring the highlights of the story.