



8th Grade

*Students will choose **ONE selection** to read between the following five books and be prepared to discuss it during the first week of school.

Unbroken (young readers or adult version)

Laura Hillenbrand

Booklist Starred Review 2014, Time Magazine Best Nonfiction of 2014; 1010 Lexile

This riveting account tells the story of Louis Zamperini, a thief turned track star, Olympian, airman, castaway, and prisoner of war.

Harbor Me

Jacqueline Woodson

School Library Journal Best Books of 2018, School Library Journal Starred Review 2018

Realistic Fiction; 730 Lexile

It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat--by themselves, with no adults to listen in. When the six are together, they can express the feelings and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of their lives.

Orbiting Jupiter

Gary D. Schmidt

YALSA 2017 Best Fiction for Young Adults, Booklist Best Young Adult Books of 2015

Realistic Fiction; 740 Lexile

Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

The Sun is Also a Star

Nicola Yoon

2017 Coretta Scott King Award, 2017 Michael L. Printz Award Finalist, YALSA 2017 Top Ten Best Fiction for YA

Realistic Fiction; 650 Lexile

Daniel and Natasha know they have something more in store for them...but they are not quite sure how they will get there. Daniel has always been the good son, the good student, never the dreamer. Natasha is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica and thinks that dreams never come true- Until she meets Daniel and they both see that the universe might have something else in store for them.

The Scarlet Pimpernel

Emma Orczy

Historical Fiction/Classic

1140 Lexile

Set in the French Revolution, Sir Percy Blakeney is an English Gentleman who leads a secret identity of a quick-thinking escape artist who rescues aristocrats before they are sent to the guillotine.

