



### Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2010

Since Sutton is an IB school, it seems fitting that our summer reading theme should be exploring other cultures. Reading novels set in other countries or about people from other cultures is a great way to improve our global awareness. Most of the titles on this suggested list also tie into the social studies curriculum.

According to Georgia's English/Language Arts standards, middle school students are required to read "a minimum of 25 grade-level appropriate books" per year. To get started on that goal for the 2010-2011 school year, **students must read at least three books from the attached list during the summer.** Students are encouraged to read additional books, including titles not on this list. Those who read six or more books will be eligible for the PTA/media center summer reading incentive program.

\*\*\*\*\**Shades of Gray*- C. Reeder (Required for all students)\*\*\*\*\*

Students must fill out a "Summer Reading Summary Sheet" for each book read. Students will also be required to take AR quizzes for all of the books read during the summer and throughout the school year. Completing the summary sheet will help them when they take the quizzes in August.

Please remember that these summer reading assignments will be an important part of the Independent Reading grade, which counts as 15% of the total Language Arts grade.

Book Title	Author	AR Book Level	Lexile Score (Listed on CRCT Results)	Selection
<i>Letters From a Slave Boy</i>	Lyons	4.3	710	Standard
<i>Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman</i>	Gaines	4.6	710	Standard
<i>Day of Tears</i>	Lester	4.8	NA	Standard
<i>The House of Dies Drear</i>	Hamilton	4.8	670	Standard
<i>Downriver</i>	Hobbs	4.9	760	Standard
<i>Messenger</i>	Lowery	4.9	720	Standard
<i>My Brother Sam is Dead</i>	Collier	4.9	770	Standard
<i>Whirligig</i>	Fleischman	4.9	760	Standard
<i>Gathering Blue</i>	Lowry	5.0	680	Standard
<i>The Glory Field</i>	Myers	5.0	800	Standard
<i>Graveyard Book</i>	Gaiman	5.1	820	Standard
<i>Iqbal</i>	D'Adamo	5.1	730	Standard
<i>Letters from a Slave Girl</i>	Lyons	5.1	880	Standard
<i>Someone Named Eva</i>	Wolf	5.1	820L	Standard
<i>The Silent Boy</i>	Lowery	5.1	870	Standard
<i>Miracle Worker</i>	Gibson	5.2	NA	Standard
<i>Amistad</i>	Pate	5.7	NA	Standard
<i>And Then There Were None</i>	Christie	5.7	570	Standard
<i>Soldier's Heart</i>	Paulsen	5.7	1000	Standard
<i>When I was Puerto Rican</i>	Santiago	6.0	1020	Standard
<i>Adventures of Sherlock Holmes</i>	Doyle	7	1080L	Classic
<i>Gone with the Wind</i>	Mitchell	7.1	1100L	Classic
<i>The Pearl</i>	Steinbeck	7.1	1010L	Classic
<i>Boys' War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War</i>	Murphy	7.6	1060L	Standard
<i>Secret of Priest's Grotto: a Holocaust Survivor's Story</i>	Taylor	8.0		Standard
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Stevenson	8.3	1070L	Classic
<i>Behind the Blue and Gray</i>	Ray	8.4	1120	Standard
<i>War of the Worlds</i>	Wells	9.1	1170L	Classic
<i>20,000 Leagues under the Sea</i>	Verne	10	870L	Classic
<i>Oliver Twist</i>	Dickens	11.3	1060L	Classic
<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>	Cooper	12.0	1350	Standard
<i>Ivanhoe</i>	Scott	12.9	1410L	Classic