

8th Grade Book Report Books

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Quarter 1, 2, and 3

The following books are all related to the American experience and have some tie in to American history. We have organized the list into At Grade Level and Above Grade Level. You can get full credit from the At Grade Level list, but will get 10 extra credit points for choosing a book from the Above Grade Level list. The same list will be used for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter. It is important to get your book NOW, so you have plenty of time to read it before the end of the quarter. You will need to bring your book in to class so that the teachers can see it. We will be giving several in-class and at home assignments over the course of the quarter. It is important that you budget your time and read EVERY NIGHT. You must choose a book by Wednesday, August 29 (quarter 1), and will need bring the book to school on September 7 (quarter 1), as we will begin reading in class. If you do not have a book on September 7 (quarter 1), we will assign you one from our library. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us as soon as possible. **Do not wait!**

Grade Level

A Painted House, John Grisham [A best-selling author and an engaging plot. Very enjoyable] **FICTION**

Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt [How the Civil War affects a family] **FICTION**

April Morning, Howard Fast [Lexington and Concord; April 19, 1775--The day America was born] **FICTION**

Black Like Me, John Griffin [One of the most popular books for 8th graders; fascinating and disturbing, but true] **FICTION**

Chains, Laurie Halse Anderson. [Historical Fiction narrative about a teenage Revolutionary War-era slave. First novel in a trilogy] **FICTION**

Forge, Laurie Halse Anderson. [Second novel in the Seeds of America trilogy.] **FICTION**

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave, Frederick Douglass [A classic autobiography] **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Rifles for Watie, Harold Keith [The moving story of a boy who fights for both sides during the Civil War] **FICTION**

The Ox-Bow Incident, Walther Van Tilburg Clark [A tough, classic western story] **FICTION**

The Red Badge of Courage, Stephen Crane [The mental anguish of a soldier who questions his courage. One of the great books of literature and of the American Civil War] **FICTION**

Time and Again Jack Finney [Time travel at its best. Travel back to the New York City of 1882. A lot of fun] **FICTION**

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee [The classic American novel about a family in a small town.] **FICTION**

Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain [A timeless classic of boyhood in America] **FICTION**