All seventh and eighth graders are required to read TWO books this summer.

**Seventh graders** must read *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick and any other book from the list below.

- For *Freak the Mighty*, write a brief summary of every five chapters (25 chapters = 5 brief summaries).
- However you choose to take notes for the second book is up to you.

Notes taken on both books may be used for the writing assessment during the first week of school.

**Eighth graders** must read *Michael Vey: Prisoner of Cell 25* by Richard Paul Evans and a second book from the list below. Any notes you take as you read (we suggest two-column notes) may be used for the writing assessment you will take during the first week of school.

**ADVENTURE**
- *Alex Rider #1: Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz
- *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson (or other Maximum Ride books)
- *Dragon Moon* by Carole Wilkinson (or other books in the series)
- *Bull Rider* by Marilyn Halvorson
- *Grimpow: The Invisible Road* by Rafael Ábalos
- *Hurricane: A Novel* by Terry Trueman
- *Maximum Ride* by James Patterson (Graphic Novel)
- *The Recruit* by Robert Muchamore (or any other title in the Cherub series)
- *Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel (or other books in the series)
- *STORM: The Infinity Code* by E.L. Young (or other books in the series)
- *Tentacles* by Roland Smith
- *White Darkness: A Novel* by Geraldine McCaughrean
- *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen

**DYSTOPIAS**
- *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker
- *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer (and/or remaining books in series)
- *Gone* by Michael Grant (or any titles in the Gone series)
- *The Declaration* by Gemma Malley (or other titles in the series)
- *The Eleventh Plague* by Jeff Hirsch
- *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (or other books in the Missing series)
- *Insurgent* or *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth (books 2 and 3 in Divergent trilogy)
- *Matched* series by Ally Condie
- *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
- *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer (or other titles in The Last Survivors series)
- *The Maze Runner* series by James Dashner (or other books in the series)
- *The Selection* series by Kiera Cass
- *Testing* series by Joelle Charbonneau
- *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfield (or other books in the series)

**FANTASY**
- *Amaranth Enchantment* by Julie Berry
- *A Curse Dark as Gold* by Elizabeth C. Bunce
The Demon King by Cinda Williams Chima (or any of the Seven Realms series)
The Eye of Minds by James Dashner
Faceless Ones by Derek Landy (or other Skulduggery Pleasant books)
Furthermore by Tahereh Mafi
The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman
Hero by Mike Lupica
The Knowing by Sharon Cameron
Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children series by Ransom Riggs
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard (and/or other book in this series)
The Savage by David Almond
Savvy by Ingrid Law (or Book 2, Scumble)
Witch & Wizard by James Patterson (or any book in this series)

HISTORICAL FICTION
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys
Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship’s Boy by L.A. Meyer
Code of Honor by Alan Gratz
Kite Rider: A Novel by Geraldine McCaughrean
Mystery at Manzanar: A WWII Internment Camp Story by Eric Fein
Phantoms in the Snow by Kathleen Benner Duble
Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz
The Red Umbrella by Christina Diaz Gonzalez
Riot by Walter Dean Myers
Ropes of Revolution: The Tale of the Boston Tea Party by J. Gunderson (Graphic Novel)
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

MYSTERY
Burning Secrets by Steve Brezenoff
Christina’s Ghost by Betty Ren Wright
Closed for the Season: A Mystery Story by Mary Downing Hahn
The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die by April Henry
If the Witness Lied by Caroline B. Cooney
Middle Row by Sylvia Olsen
Monstrumologist by Rick Yancey
Pastworld by Ian Beck
Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game by John Feinstein
The Secret of Golden Rod by Jane O’Reilly
September Sisters by Jillian Cantor
Thirteen Chairs by Dave Shelton
Trash by Andy Mulligan

NOVELS IN VERSE
Crossover by Kwame Alexander
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
Make Lemonade by Virginia Euwer Wolff
The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba’s Struggle for Freedom by Margarita Engle

REALISTIC FICTION
Anything but Typical by Nora Raleigh Baskin
Back Home by Julia Keller
Bitter Melon by Cara Chow
Bruiser by Neal Shusterman
*The Bully* by Paul Langan (or other books in the Bluford High series)
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*Charlie’s Story* by Maeve Friel
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*The Chosen One* by Carol Lynch Williams
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*Dance Trap: The Complicated Life of Claudia Cristina Cortez* by Diana G. Gallagher
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*Dancing In the Rain* by Lynn Joseph
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*Diary of a Witness* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
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*Freak* by Marcella Pixley
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*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
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*Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill
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*Hot House* by Chris Lynch
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*Jumped* by Rita Williams-Garcia
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*Lockdown* by Diane Tullson
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*Models Don’t Eat Chocolate Cookies* by Erin Dionne
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*Pop* by Gordon Korman
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*Responsible* by Darlene Ryan
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*Sewer Rats* by Sigmund Brouwer
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*Slob* by Ellen Porter
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*Ten Miles Past Normal* by France O’Roark Dowell
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*Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet* by Erin Dionne
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*Waiting for Normal* by Leslie Connor
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*Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

**SCIENCE FICTION**

*Academy 7* by Anne Osterlund
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*Birthmarked* by Caragh M. O’Brien (or book 2, *Prized*)
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*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer
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*Dark Planet* by Patrick Carman (or other books in the Atherton series)
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*Drought* by Pam Bachorz
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*Ender Series* by Orson Scott Card (with the exception of *Ender’s Game*)
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*Enemies & Allies* by Kevin J. Anderson
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*Hidden Empire* by Kevin J. Anderson (or other books in the Seven Suns series)
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*Leviathan* by Scott Westerfeld (or other books in this series)
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*M3 Mind Control* by Jonny Zucker
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*Sabotaged* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (or other books in *The Missing* series)
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*The Scorpion Rules* by Erin Bow
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*Wolverine: Worst Day Ever* by Barry Lyga (Graphic Novel)

**SUPERNATURAL**

*Graceling* by Kristin Cashore (or sequels *Fire* and *Bitterblue*)
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*Hex Hall* by Rachel Hawkins (or any in the series)
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*Paranormalcy* by Kiersten White

**THE CLASSICS: OLDIES BUT GOODIES**

*Call of the Wild* by Jack London
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*Captain’s Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling
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*Dracula* by Bram Stoker
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*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson
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*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne

**BIOGRAPHIES & MEMOIRS**

*Against Medical Advice: A True Story* by James Patterson, Hal Friedman
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*Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave* by Virginia Hamilton
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*Charles Darwin* by Kathleen Krull
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Philip M. Hoose
I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery by Steve Sheinkin
Restless Spirit: The Life and Work of Dorothy Lange by Elizabeth Partridge
Sir Charlie Chaplin: The Funniest Man in the World by Sid Fleishman
Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China During the Cultural Revolution by Moying Li
Somewhere There Is Still a Sun: A Memoir of the Holocaust by Michael Gruenbaum
Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal
Stompin' at the Savoy: The Story of Norma Miller by Alan Govenar
To Dance: A Memoir by Siena Cherson Siegel (Graphic Novel)
Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

NONFICTION
The Anne Frank Case: Simon Wiesenthal's Search for the Truth by Susan Goldman Rubin
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose
Can I See Your ID?: True Stories of False Identities by Chris Barton
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul B. Janeczko
The Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-Experimenters in Science and Medicine by Leslie Dendy
Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports by Gary Paulsen
Letters to a Bullied Girl by Olivia Gardner
The Mysteries of Beethoven's Hair by Russell Martin and Lydia Nibley
Planet Hunter: Geoff Marcy and the search for other Earths by Vicki Oransky Wittenstein
Trapped In Ice! An Amazing True Whaling Adventure by Martin W. Sandler
Whaleship Essex: The True Story of Moby Dick by Jil Fine
The War to End All Wars: World War I by Russell Freedman
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson