



THE URSULINE SCHOOL

Summer 2021 Reading List

Middle School

Welcome to Ursuline Summer Reading, a chance to explore new authors and genres as well as continue to build your reading skills. Below are the titles of required books for your 2021-2022 English class, as well as other titles of works that have been endorsed by students.

You are required to read the novel listed below, under your specific grade level. It is strongly suggested that you read the required book in actual book form so that you may annotate to your heart's desire. (For this reason, an electronic or library book is not optimal because you will need to write in the book, have it in class, and refer to it in discussions.) Here are a few suggestions for annotating as you read your required book:

Underline key passages that you find interesting or important

Use sticky notes or marginal notes to mark observations, questions, and connections

Mark lines that help you understand the characters and plot

Additionally, you must select and highlight at least 3 quotations that are interesting or thought-provoking and be prepared to discuss these quotations in class. There will be a written assessment in September.

<i>English 6</i>	<i>English 7</i>	<i>English 8</i>
<i>Count Me In, Versha Barjaj</i>	<i>Ghost, Jason Reynolds</i>	<i>You Bring the Distant Near, Mitalia Perkins</i>

Recommended Additional Reading for Middle School

Choose a book (or two or three!) from this list if you want to keep on reading. Though it is not required, you are encouraged to read for pleasure.

American Born Chinese, Gene Luen Yang

Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery

Beastly Brains: Exploring How Animals Think, Talk, and Feel, Nancy F. Castaldo

Big Mouth and Ugly Girl, Joyce Carol Oates

Deenie, Judy Blume

Garden of Angels, Lurlene McDaniels

Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done, Andrea Gonzalez & Sophie Houser

Hero, S.L. Rottman

Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

Lockdown, Walter Dean Myers

Millicent Min, Girl Genius, Lisa Yee

Mind's Eye, Paul Fleischman

October Sky, Homer H. Hickam, Jr.

One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams Garcia

Peter and the Starcatcher (series), Rick Elice

Radiance, Alyson Noel

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, M. Taylor

Sal and Gabby Break the Universe (series), Carlos Hernandez

Shadow Spinner, Susan Fletcher

Silent to the Bone, E.L. Konigsburg

Teen Trailblazers: 30 Fearless Girls Who Changed the World Before They Were 20, Jennifer Calvert

The Devil's Arithmetic, Jane Yolen

The Five People You Meet in Heaven, Mitch Albom

The Girls Get Even, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Jumbies, Tracey Baptiste

The Lemonade War, Jacqueline Davies

The Messenger, Lois Lowry

The Pigman, Paul Zindel

Ties That Bind, Ties That Break, Lensey Namioka

Watership Down, Richard Adams

Whispers from the Dead, Joan Lowery Nixon

Year of Impossible Goodbyes, Sook Nyoï Cho