



THE URSULINE SCHOOL

Summer 2020 Reading List Middle School English

The English department welcomes you 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 2020-2021 English class, as well as other titles of works that have been endorsed by students.

You are required to read the novel listed under your specific grade level. Please obtain your own hard copy of the required book (as opposed to a library copy or digital version), as 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> |
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| <i>Raymie Nightingale</i> , Kate DiCamillo | <i>Amal Unbound</i> , Aisha Saeed | <i>Piecing Me Together</i> , Renee Watson |

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.

And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie
Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery
Big Mouth and Ugly Girl, Joyce Carol Oates
Deenie, Judy Blume
Garden of Angels, Lurlene McDaniels
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.
Peter and the Starcatcher (series), Rick Elice
Radiance, Alyson Noel
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, M. Taylor
Running Out of Time, Margaret Peterson Haddix
Shadow Spinner, Susan Fletcher
Silent to the Bone, E.L. Konigsburg
The Devil's Arithmetic, Jane Yolen
The Face on the Milk Carton, Caroline Cooney
The Five People You Meet in Heaven, Mitch Albom
The Girls Get Even, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
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 Nyoi Cho