

CCA Summer Reading Program: Grades 7 & 8

Report Format

Dear Students: You are required to read **two** books this summer and write **one** report on a book of your choice. The following is meant to guide you as you prepare for your reading and final report.

The book report should be completed in a five-point essay style. A five-point essay has the following format:

1. Introductory paragraph
2. 3 or more body paragraphs
3. Conclusion

These paragraphs need to be of considerable length, and the entire book report should be at least **two-three pages typed**.

The following information should be included in your book report:

- A. a short, well-written summary of the book
- B. an explanation of the theme or themes discussed in the book
- C. a description in paragraph form of all the major characters
- D. an explanation of the impact the book has had on you as a reader

Submit your report in your first English class in September. All reports should be typed in **12-point, Times New Roman font with only 1-inch margins**.

I hope you will enjoy your summer reading and be ready to begin a new school year at CCA. I look forward to having you all here.

Sincerely,

Miss Jen Najem
Principal

CCA Summer Reading Book List (Grades 7+8)

Science

Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo (fiction), by Greg Smith Leitich
The Reinvention of Edison Thomas (fiction), by Jacqueline Houtman
The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, young readers' edition, (nonfiction), by William Kamkwamba

History

The Ugly One (fiction), by Leanne Statland Ellis
The Mighty Miss Malone (fiction), by Christopher Paul Curtis
Cadets at War (nonfiction), by Susan Provost Beller
Leonardo's Shadow, (fiction) by Christopher Grey
A Year Without Mom (graphic novel, nonfiction), by Dasha Tolstikova
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream (nonfiction) by Tanya Lee Stone
How To Be A World Explorer, (nonfiction), by Joel Levy
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice, (nonfiction), by Phillip Hoose
The Great and Only Barnum (nonfiction) by Candace Fleming
Bomb - the Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon (nonfiction), by Steve Sheinkin
The Eagle Huntress (nonfiction) by Aisholpan Nurgaiv
Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans (graphic novel, nonfiction) by Don Brown
Resistance, by Jennifer Nielson
Catherine, Called Birdy by Cushman, Karen
Crispin by Avi
Bull Run by Fleischman, Paul
Dragonwings by Yep, Laurence

Friendship

Out of My Mind (fiction), by Sharon Draper
Bridge to Terabithia (fiction) by Katherine Peterson
The Cardboard Kingdom (graphic novel), by Chad Sell
I Will Always Write Back, (fiction) by Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka
Lions and Liars (fiction), by Kate Beasley
Save Me A Seat (fiction), by Sara Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
Shouting At the Rain (fiction) by Lynda Mullalee Hunt
The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle (fiction) by Leslie Connor
Summerlost (fiction) by Ally Condie
My Jasper June (fiction) by Laurel Snyder
Look Both Ways (fiction), by Jason Reynolds

Sports

The Crossover (fiction), by Kwame Alexander
Takedown, (fiction), by Laura Shovan
Life In Motion, (nonfiction), Misty Copeland
Maniac Magee (nonfiction), Jerry Spinelli
The Chris Crutcher Series (fiction)

Imagination

City of Ember, by Jeanne DuPrau
The Last Dragonslayer, by Jasper Fforde
The Matched series, by Ally Condie

The Lunar Chronicles series, by Marissa Meyer
Cleopatra in Space series (graphic novels) by Mike Maihack
Gregor The Overlander series, by Suzanne Collins
Apocalypse Taco (graphic novel) by Nathan Hale
The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis
Perelandra, by C. S. Lewis
Book of A Thousand Days, Shannon Hale

Faith

My Faith: Middle School Survival series by Youth Specialties
The Mean Girl Makeover, (advice) by Nancy Rue
Grace, God, and Glory: My Leap of Faith, (biography), Gabby Douglas
God's Smuggler, (nonfiction), by Brother Andrew
Kisses from Katie, by Katie J. Davis

Misc.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
Gifted Hands by Ben Carson
The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S. Lewis
Dogsong by Paulsen, Gary
When You Reach Me by Stead, Rebecca
One Crazy Summer by Williams-Garcia, Rita
Moon Over Manifest by VanderPool, Clare