

## LA Summer Reading Requirements

### Summer Reading Expectations:

As sixth and seventh grade LA Lit teams, we encourage students to read a lot and to read a variety of genres. In fact, we are so passionate about reading that we're challenging everyone to read a book a week this summer! As teachers, we are taking on this challenge, too, and we're excited to come back in the fall and share what we've read. Now, we are also realistic about this challenge and realize that many students have camps, family trips, etc. that might limit their time to read. So, for those who need more specific guidelines, here you go:

- 1.) Everyone must read at least **four books**. If the book is 350+ pages, it counts as two books.
- 2.) Everyone must read books from at least **two different genres**.
- 3.) Everyone must **keep track** of ALL of the book titles (including authors and page numbers) they read using the genre tracking chart. Students should also record any books they start and decide not to finish.

Most importantly, we want students to read books they love- books they find interesting, entertaining, and enjoyable. If a student isn't enjoying a book, we encourage him/her to put it down and choose another.

### Frequently asked questions:

- 1.) Is there a minimum page requirement? No
- 2.) Do graphic novels count as books? Yes
- 3.) Do comic books count as books? Five comic books count as one book.
- 4.) Can I just read comic books? You could, but you wouldn't meet the genre requirement.
- 5.) Do magazines count as books? No
- 6.) Do joke books count? No, it must be a book with characters and a plot.
- 7.) Do I have to read every day? We don't have a way to enforce this, obviously, but we're going to say yes, even if it's just a page. Take advantage of car rides, down time, etc.
- 8.) Do audiobooks count? Yes, as long as you're following along in the book.
- 9.) Do books I'm reading for other classes count? Yes.

10.) Can I read more than four books? Yes, please! We are encouraging a book a week, but at a minimum, you are reading four books from two genres.

11.) I do not see a required reading here, can I just not read? No. Even though we do not have a specific book list, you are still required to walk in on the first day of school having read four books over the summer.

### **Genres Choices**

*Fiction: realistic fiction, science fiction, fantasy, romance, mystery, historical fiction, action/adventure, drama, horror, comic book, graphic novel*

*Non-fiction: biography, memoir, autobiography*

### **Book Recommendations**

*If you are looking for some book recommendations, check out the links below. Please note that teachers have not necessarily read all of these books, and therefore, we can't speak to the content or appropriateness for all ages. Please read the included descriptions and level-recommendations for further guidance.*

Books Suggestions for Sports Fanatics: <https://www.booklistonline.com/Top-10-Sports-Books-for-Youth/pid=7675889>

Book Suggestions for Sci Fi Enthusiasts: <http://bestsciencefictionbooks.com/best-science-fiction-books-for-young-adults.php>

Book Suggestions for the Fantasy Fans: [http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/26979.Best\\_Fantasy\\_Books\\_for\\_Middle\\_Schoolers\\_](http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/26979.Best_Fantasy_Books_for_Middle_Schoolers_)

YA Book Suggestions: <http://www.readbrightly.com/ya-books-2017/>

Scholastic Book Suggestions: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/book-list/favorites-classics/top-picks-middle-schoolers>

## Book Log

**Directions: Write down each book you started and gave a good effort to and put down, and each book you finish. You will not write each time you read.**

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