

8th Grade Summer Reading Requirements

This summer the 8th-grade teachers would like for each student to read six books. This includes the requirements for both Social Studies and English. This number also includes whole-class novels as well as student choices. You do NOT need to purchase these books. We encourage you to check them out from your local library if you can. However, please have access to Books 1-2 during the first few weeks of school.

You are welcome to read a physical book, to read on a device, or to listen to the audiobook.

- a.) **Book 1:** *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper. This book will serve as an intro to our first unit of study in Social Studies 8 (The Civil War).
- b.) **Book 2:** Everyone must read *The Giver* for English class. Students must also [complete the attached questions](#) (see directions on the questions) as **they'll be participating in a Socratic Seminar and writing an essay the first full week back to school.** We recommend reading this novel and completing the questions right before school starts back so the details will be fresh in their minds.
- c.) **Books 3-5+:** **The other 3 books are the reader's choice.** We encourage everyone to explore a variety of genres and to consider choosing from the list of realistic fiction novels used during SADL. Books should be at least **175 pages long**. (*If you're reading on a device, just google the book title on Amazon and it will tell you the physical number of pages.*) Everyone must **keep track** of their book titles (including authors and genres), but a daily reading log is not required. Students should bring this list to class on the first day of school. They will be expected to use basic, thematic information from their novels in a variety of activities.

Please don't choose books you've already read. The purpose of summer reading is to broaden your perspective on the world, practice reading fluency (speed and understanding), and increase your vocabulary.

The list below are some suggested books. Note the grade-level, and don't be afraid to push yourself. Feel free to choose other books if you'd like, but again, mix up the genres! If you're stuck choosing, ask a salesperson, a librarian, or don't hesitate to shoot me an email.

[Contemporary Fiction Book Recommendation List](#)

Please email Mr. Amend at ramend@st-annes.org with any questions over the summer. Enjoy!