

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

For students who are preparing for high school

It's a good idea for incoming high school students to have read a variety of genres. Use the list below as a guide, but not as mandatory requirements. These titles are popular, high-interest, and often alluded to in high school classes.

REALISTIC FICTION

1. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
2. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
3. *Mockingbird* by Katherine Erskine
4. *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
5. *Holes* by Louis Sachar

HISTORICAL FICTION

1. *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
2. *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
3. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne
4. *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
5. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

SCIENCE FICTION

1. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
2. *Legend* by Marie Lu
3. *Scythe* by Neil Schusterman
4. *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle
5. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer

FANTASY

1. *The Trials of Apollo* by Rick Riordan
2. *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling
3. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
4. *The Golden Compass* by Phillip Pullman
5. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

DYSTOPIAN

1. *The Testing* by Joelle Charbonneau
2. *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *Uglies* by Scott Westerfield
5. *Unwind* by Neil Shusterman

NONFICTION

1. *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai
2. *Ripley's Believe it or Not*
3. *Choosing Courage: Inspiring True Stories of What it Means to be a Hero* by Peter Collier
4. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson
5. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba

MEMOIR

1. *We Should Hang Out Sometime* by Josh Sundquist
2. *Soul Surfer* by Bethany Hamilton
3. *El Deafo* by CeCe Bell
4. *Left for Dead* by Pete Nelson
5. *Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance* by Simone Biles

GRAPHIC NOVEL

1. *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier
2. *Rapunzel's Revenge* by Shannon & Dean Hale
3. *This One Summer* by Mariko & Jillian Tamaki
4. *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier
5. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney

CLASSIC

1. *Animal Farm* by George Orwell
2. *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes
3. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
4. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

AWARD WINNERS

1. *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park
2. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds
3. *A Child Called It* by David Peltzer
4. *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell