



Beverly Hills and Drexel Hill Middle School
Summer Reading Recommendations 2020

All students in grades 6-8 are recommended to read a minimum of two books, one fiction, and one non-fiction text, of their choosing this summer. Our recommendation is that middle school students will make choices based on their interests and ability.

Where can we get the book:

The Upper Darby School District supports academic choice. The school library or Township libraries have titles in which the students are interested. Families may also purchase their text; however, this is certainly not required. Many books are available on E-readers - Nooks, Kindle, iPad, etc...

Will there be an assignment?

Students will be asked to participate in a guided book talk upon their return to school in August.

Selecting an appropriate title:

Research shows academic choice in reading serves students most efficiently. Students are encouraged to select books that will interest them and keep them involved in reading throughout the summer months. Below you will find suggestions and websites to assist students in choosing an appropriate text.

Suggestions to assist:

Although students are free to select their own books, the following resources may assist students in making their selection.

2019-2020 Delaware County Middle School Reading Olympics Book List

[DCIU Reading Olympics Book List](#)

Newbery Medal Winners & Honor Books

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American Association of School Librarians

[Summer Reading List 2020](#)

Common Sense Media Books for Teens

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/lists/award-winning-books-for-teens>

Not every book on these lists is appropriate for all students. Before selecting a book, please read the reviews for specific information about content that may be considered inappropriate for some readers.



Upper Darby High School
Summer Reading Recommendations 2020

The summer reading recommendations are as follows:

Incoming 9th grade:

Rostered for English 9: The Giver (Lowery)

Rostered for 9th grade Accelerated (in addition to *The Giver*): *October Sky* (Hickam) & *A Separate Peace* (John Knowles)

Incoming 10th grade:

Rostered for American Literature/Honors American Literature: Recommended *Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck) & *Catcher in the Rye* (Salinger)

Rostered for Honors American Studies:

Recommended: *The Scarlet Letter* (Hawthorne) & *Sport of the Gods* (Dunbar)

Incoming AP – Language and Composition:

Recommended: *Bird by Bird* (Lamott) & *Thank You for Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion* (Jay Heinrichs)

Optional: *Native Son* (Wright)

Summer Reading More Information:

- Individual teachers of Honors Courses may post specific summer work on their Schoology pages.

- Some full texts can be found for free online – through Project Gutenberg, etc

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