

**BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY
SUMMER READING LIST 2009
CLASS VI (GRADE 7)**

Welcome to Boston Latin Academy! In order to help you get off to a good start, we have provided you with this summer reading list and, since our most successful students are readers, we encourage you to read far beyond its requirements. We strongly recommend that you read a book on Greek mythology and at least four additional books of your own choosing, for a total of five books. Feel free to use summer reading lists provided by your local library and the Boston Public Schools, in addition to the one below, to help guide your choices. Format your summer reading notes according to the outline on the right. Bring your notes along with your parental signature form with you on the first day of school. Happy reading!

Outline
Title
Author
Setting (time & place)
Major characters
Brief summary
Theme (author's message)
Personal reaction

Strongly Recommended Readings –

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
Mythology by Edith Hamilton

Read at least four other books of your own choosing.

YA Fiction

AFTER THE RAIN (<i>family, coming of age</i>)	Norma Fox Mazer
THE ACORN PEOPLE (<i>disabilities</i>)	Ron Jones
ONE EYED CAT (<i>coming of age, animal cruelty</i>)	Paula Fox
THE OUTSIDERS (<i>teens: social conflict, gangs</i>)	S. E. Hinton
ONE FAT SUMMER (<i>coming of age, obesity</i>)	Robert Lipsyte
JUST AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER (<i>family issues, coming of age</i>)	Judy Blume
THE HARMONY ARMS (<i>coming of age in L.A.</i>)	Ron Koertge
ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET (<i>teen girl, coming of age</i>)	Judy Blume
THE ORIGINAL FREDDIE ACKERMAN (<i>coming of age – adventure</i>)	Hadley Irwin
LOTTERY ROSE (<i>child abuse</i>)	Irene Hunt
HOMECOMING (<i>abandoned children</i>)	Cynthia Voigt
A RING OF ENDLESS LIGHT (<i>family</i>)	Madeline L'Engle
JUST ELLA (<i>based on Cinderella</i>)	Margaret Peterson Haddix
ANNA IS STILL HERE (<i>Holocaust</i>)	Ida Vos
THE RED PONY (<i>boy loses his horse</i>)	John Steinbeck
THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS (<i>teen girls- friendship</i>)	Ann Brashares
MIRACLE'S BOYS (<i>family issues: death</i>)	Jacqueline Woodson

Multi-cultural Literature

SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER (<i>WW II</i>)	Bette Green
THE CLAY MARBLE (<i>Cambodia – war</i>)	Mingfong Ho
SHABANU (<i>Pakistan</i>)	Suzanne Fisher Staples
THE LAND (<i>Afro-Am</i>)	Mildred Taylor
GENTLEHANDS or LITTLE, LITTLE	M. E. Kerr
HARRIET TUBMAN: CONDUCTOR OF THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY	Ann Petry
TITUBA OF SALEM VILLAGE (<i>slavery, witchcraft</i>)	Ann Petry
CHILDREN OF THE RIVER (<i>Cambodia</i>)	Linda Crew
LAND I LOST: ADVENTURES OF A BOY IN VIETNAM	Huynh Quang Nhuong
BEFORE WE WERE FREE (<i>Dominican Republic</i>)	Julia Alvarez
NIGHTJOHN (<i>Afro-Am, slavery</i>)	Gary Paulsen
LUPITA MAÑANA (<i>Mexican-American</i>)	Patricia Beatty
M.C. HIGGINS, THE GREAT (<i>Afro-Am, family</i>)	Virginia Hamilton
THE HOUSE OF DIES DREAR	Virginia Hamilton
RUBY (<i>Afro-Am</i>)	Rosa Guy

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AMONG THE VOLCANOES (*Guatemala*)
 BUD NOT BUDDY (*Afro-Am*)
 CRAZY WEEKEND (*Mexican-American*)
 SCORPIONS or MONSTER (*Afro Am teens*)
 BARRIO BOY (*Mexican-Am*)
 I, JUAN De PAREJA (*slavery, Spanish painter*)
 THE BLACK PEARL (*pearl diving*)
 NILDA or EL BRONX REMEMBERED (*Puerto Rico*)
 THE UPSTAIRS ROOM (*Holocaust*)
 WALK TWO MOONS or RUBY HOLLOW (*Native Am*)
 SWEET GRASS (*Native Am, coming of age*)
 LET THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN (*Afro-American*)
 JOURNEY OF THE SPARROWS (*Mexican-Am*)

Omar Castaneda
 Christopher Paul Curtis
 Gary Soto
 Walter Dean Myers
 Ernesto Galarza
 Elizabeth Borton De Trevino
 Scott O'Dell
 Nicholasa Mohr
 Johanna Reiss
 Sharon Creech
 Jan Hudson
 Mildred Taylor
 Fran Leeper Buss

Adventure

WHITE FANG (*animal adventure*)
 THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE (*sea adv*)
 THE LOST WORLD

Jack London
 Avi
 Arthur Conan Doyle

Mystery

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE
 PALE PHOENIX (*time travel, mystery*)

Agatha Christie
 Kathryn Reiss

Science Fiction/Fantasy/Magic

THE DRAGON OF THE LOST SEA
 THE HOUSE OF THE SCORPION
 THE DISPOSSESSED (*utopia*)
 GREENWITCH (*mystery, magic, fantasy*)
 SILVERWING and/or SUNWING (*bats*)
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 THE SCHWA WAS HERE

Lawrence Yep
 Nancy Farmer
 Ursula LeGuin
 Susan Cooper
 Kenneth Oppel
 David Almond
 Neil Shusterman

Miscellaneous

*GONE WITH THE WIND (*Civil War*)
 EXPLORING THE TITANIC (*non-fiction*)

Margaret Mitchell
 Robert Ballard

Non-Fiction

THROUGH MY EYES (*autobiography-civil rights*)
 THE CENTURY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
 SHIPWRECK AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD
 PROMISES TO KEEP-How Jackie Robinson Changed America

Ruby Bridges
 Peter Jennings/Todd Brewster
 Jennifer Armstrong
 Sharon Robinson

PARENTAL SIGNATURE FORM

I verify that my son/daughter _____ has read the following books during the summer and has completed the required outlines.

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 Signature of Parent or Guardian