

**BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY
SUMMER READING LIST 2009
CLASS V (GRADE 8)**

Welcome to Grade 8. In order to help you get off to a good start we are providing you with a summer reading list to encourage you to either develop or enrich your reading habits. We believe you will find these books to be exciting and enjoyable.

When you come to school in September, you must have read at least five books, the two required readings and three additional books of your own choice. Use the list provided to guide your choices, but feel free to use other lists, as well, such as those produced by your local library. We want you to love to read and have fun reading

Please bring your parental signature form with you on the first day of school. Format your reading notes according to the outline on the right.

Required readings:

THE PEARL

John Steinbeck

ANNE FRANK: THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL

(Translated by B.M. Mooyaart-Doubleday)

Outline	
	Title
	author
	setting (<i>time & place</i>)
	major characters
	brief summary
	theme (<i>author's message</i>)
	personal reaction

and read at least three other books of your own choosing.

Science-Fiction/Fantasy/Magic

A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA
HARRY POTTER series
THE HOBBIT
THE SWORD IN THE STONE
TWILIGHT (series)
THE UNFORTUNATE EVENT series
THE THIEF OF ALWAYS
THE SNOW GOOSE
THE GIVER

Ursula LeGuin
J.K. Rowling
J. R. Tolkein
T. H. White
Stephenie Meyer
Lemony Snicket
Clive Barker
Paul Gallico
Lois Lowry

Multicultural/ Ethnic

MYSTERY OF DREAR HOUSE (*Afro-Am*)
CHILD OF THE OWL (*Chinese Am*)
WAITING FOR THE RAIN (*So. Africa*)
A SUMMER LIFE or BURIED ONIONS (*Latino*)
THUNDER ROLLING IN THE MOUNTAIN (*Native Am*)
MOLLY BY ANY OTHER NAME (*Asian Am*)
BROWN BIRD SINGING (*Native Am*)
CANYONS (*Native Am*)
THE ROAD TO MEMPHIS (*Afro-Am*)
THE GLORY FIELD or HOOPS (*Afro-Am*)
APRIL AND THE DRAGON LADY (*Chinese*)
DREAMING IN CUBAN
PARROT IN THE OVEN (*Latino*)
TORN AWAY (*Ireland*)
A LIFE FOR A LIFE (*Afro-Am*)

Virginia Hamilton
Laurence Yep
Sheila Gordon
Gary Soto
Scott O'Dell & Elizabeth Hall
Jean Davies Okimoto
Frances Wosmek
Gary Paulsen
Mildred Taylor
Walter Dean Myers
Lensey Namioka
Cristina Garcia
Victor Martinez
James Heneghan
Ernest Hill

THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST
HANG A THOUSAND TREES WITH RIBBONS (*bio*)

Historical Themes

ESCAPE FROM WARSAW (*WWII, Poland*)
NO PROMISES IN THE WIND (*Depression*)
GOODNIGHT, MR. TOM (*WWII, England*)
THE FIGHTING GROUND (*Am Revolution*)
THE SLAVE DANCER (*Slavery*)
THE SHAKESPEARE STEALER

Young Adult Issues

LISTEN FOR THE FIG TREE (*blindness*)
TUNES FOR BEARS TO DANCE TO (*anti-Semitism*)
THE WRECKER (*bullying*)
STAYING FAT FOR SARAH BYRNES (*obesity*)
RACHEL CHANCE (*poverty*)
A CHILD CALLED IT (*abuse*)
HATE YOU (*abuse, cancer*)

Miscellaneous

CALL OF THE WILD (*Adventure*)
THE PIRATE'S SON (*Adventure*)
THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES (*mystery*)
THE ARM OF THE STARFISH (*Sci-Fi*)
GATHERING BLUE (*Sci-Fi*) or AUTUMN STREET (*YA*)
GALLOWS HILL (*supernatural, witchcraft*)
WE ARE AMERICANS: Voices of the Immigrant
Experience (*non-fiction*)
THE LUNGFISH, THE DODO, THE UNICORN
(*romantic zoology*)

Conrad Richter
Ann Rinaldi

Ian Serrailier
Irene Hunt
Michelle Magoran
Avi
Paula Fox
Gary Blackwood

Sharon Mathis
Robert Cormier
David Skinner
Chris Crutcher
Jean Thesman
David Pelzer
Graham McNamee

Jack London
Geraldine McCaughrean
Arthur Conan Doyle
Madeline L'Engle
Lois Lowry
Lois Duncan
Thomas and Dorothy Hoobler

Willy Ley

PARENTAL SIGNATURE FORM

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

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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