



## **Summer Reading List** (for incoming eighth graders)

Greetings incoming eighth graders! In order to maintain your reading skills, it is essential for you to spend some time reading this summer. Select books or materials that interest you and have fun with it!

My goal is to help you develop into an independent reader who will continue lifelong reading habits because you find personal value in reading good books. Here are some suggestions:

### **Title**

*Gathering Blue*  
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer*  
*The Chocolate War*  
*The Contender*  
*Eragon*  
*The Five People You Meet in Heaven*  
*The Land* (prequel to *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*)  
*Legend*  
*The Long Road to Gettysburg*  
*Murder on the Orient Express*  
*The Pigman*  
*The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series  
*Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War*  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond*

\*\* Any classic, such as:

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
*Little Women*  
*The Old Man and the Sea*  
*The Red Badge of Courage*

### **Author**

Lois Lowery  
James Swanson  
Robert Cormier  
Robert Lipsyte  
Christopher Paolini  
Mitch Albom  
Mildred Taylor  
Marie Lu  
Jim Murphy  
Agatha Christie  
Paul Zindel  
Ann Brashares  
Gary Paulsen  
Elizabeth George Speare

Mark Twain  
Betty Smith  
Louisa May Alcott  
Ernest Hemingway  
Stephen Crane