

**Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2019**  
**Oakbrook Preparatory School/Mrs. Huminski**

Study after study has shown that the best way to acquire vocabulary, improve reading comprehension, and to enhance writing skills is through wide-reading. Not only does reading provide students a chance to engage in interesting narrative, but it also provides the opportunity to develop language skills. Consider the following:

To read complex texts, students need a knowledge base that is both broad and deep. Much of this knowledge base is built through reading itself. Students must read both widely and deeply, to find topics that interest them and to learn about those topics at a complex, academic level. *Journeys*, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ed., p.vi, 2014 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**\*Required Reading for Summer: Choose ONE book from the following:**

- Nominees for the 2019-2020 South Carolina Junior OR Young Adult Book Award:  
<https://www.scasl.net/book-awards>
- Any previous South Carolina Junior OR Young Adult Book Award Winner
- American Library Association Notable Book

**\*Although the majority of these novels are recommended by the American Library Association, we encourage parents and students to investigate and discuss book options together in order to make appropriate choices.**

Upon completion of the book, write a review - directions and a sample are given on additional handouts. This is a graded assignment and should be turned in to Mrs. Huminski on the first full day of school in August. Reviews will be made available throughout the year in the classroom to assist students in book selections.

**Reading Requirement for the 2019-2020 School Year:**

It is my hope that you read many other books this summer and throughout the school year. **Eighth grade students are required to read ten books for English class.** A copy of the genre requirements and a reading log is provided. The books you read this summer may count toward this requirement so be sure to log in all the books you read.

Handouts:

- List of the 2019-2020 South Carolina Junior and Young Adult Book Award Nominees
- Directions for completing a book review
- Sample book review
- Rubric for book review
- 2019-2020 Reading Requirement and Log