

2009-2010 SUMMER READING LIST

Grade 8

The following books are suggested reading for the summer.

Anne Frank - A diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank

Flowers for Algernon, Daniel Keys

Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift

The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien

Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith



This book is the Mandatory Summer reading assignment for all incoming 8th grade students

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Each student must complete a journal which outlines the novel. Journals must be neat, bright and colorful and should reflect three months of work. Specifically, journals must include

- a cover page - with the title, author and a drawing representing the book
- a table of contents - which reflects the journal entries
- an "About the Author" page - which gives information about the author of the book
- a summary of each chapter which may also contain vocabulary word, points of interest and/or questions about the chapter

In September, we will then discuss in detail the characters, plot formation setting and conflicts of the book.

Journals are due the first day of school!