

**Rutherford Summer Reading List
For Students Entering
GRADE 8**

Contemporary/Real Life

Brooks, Bruce	<u>Midnight Hour Encores</u>
Blue, Balliett	<u>Chasing Vermeer</u>
Bunting, Eve	<u>Jumping the Nail</u>
Green, Hannah	<u>I Never Promised You a Rose Garden</u>
Hinton, S.E.	<u>Taming the Star Runner</u>
Lubar, David	<u>Dunk</u> <u>Sleepng Freshmen Never Lie</u>
McDonald, Joyce	<u>Swallowing Stones</u>
Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Monster</u> <u>Slam</u>

Classics - Original Version

Defoe, Daniel	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
London, Jack	<u>The Call of the Wild</u>
Verne, Jules	<u>Journey to the Center of the Earth</u>

Fantasy

Adams, Richard	<u>Watership Down</u>
Alexander, Lloyd	<u>The Book of Three</u>

King, Stephen	<u>The Eyes of the Dragon</u>
Peck, Richard	<u>Ghosts I Have Been</u>
Pullman, Philip	<u>The Subtle Knife</u> <u>The Amber Spyglass</u>

Historical Fiction

Blackwood, Gary	<u>The Shakespeare Stealer</u>
Collier, James	<u>The Clock</u>
Hunt, Irene	<u>No Promises in the Wind</u>
Lester, Julius	<u>Day of Tears</u>
Myers, Carolyn	<u>Mary, Bloody Mary</u>
Paulsen, Gary	<u>Soldier's Heart</u>
Rinaldi, Ann	<u>The Coffin Quilt</u>

Mysteries/Suspense/Horror

Avi	<u>The Man Who Was Poe</u>
Bennett, Jay	<u>Executioner</u>
Clark, Mary Higgins	<u>While My Pretty One Sleeps</u>
Duncan, Lois	<u>Don't Look Behind You</u>
Grisham, John	<u>The Client</u>

Science Fiction

Clarke, Arthur C.	<u>2001: A Space Odyssey</u>
Farmer, Nancy	<u>The Eye, The Ear, The Arm</u> <u>House of the Scorpion</u>
Levitin, Sonia	<u>The Cure</u>

Survival/Adventure

Burks, Brian	<u>Walks Alone</u>
Paulsen, Gary	<u>Brian's Return</u>
White, Robb	<u>Deathwatch</u>

SUMMER READING WRITTEN REPORT:

A written book review will be completed in your reading class within the first two weeks of school on a date determined by your teacher. Your reading teacher will review the process with you. The HSPA/NJASK rubric will be used to grade your writing assignment. A copy is available for you to print out. In addition, you will need to print out and complete the graphic organizer labeled "GO grades 6-8." Bring the graphic organizer to class the first day of school, Wednesday, September 2, 2009.