

Dear rising eighth grade WAVE students and parents,

One of our objectives at WAVE is to nurture a love for reading. Our expectation is that eighth grade WAVE students read at least four books over the summer, and by doing so, students will be better prepared for the rigors of an advanced program such as WAVE. Students may choose any grade-level appropriate novel that relates to the eighth grade theme of change. If you are looking for quality literature, below are some award-winning books that are perfect for summer reading. These titles support the eighth grade curriculum and our theme. We hope you enjoy them. Like a good challenge? Want to shine in eighth grade? Consider these book options.

Know Your History Challenge



"[Blood on the River] gave a more descriptive view of history where I could actually experience it rather than just the facts. I understood colonization and the experiences of the colonists better because of Blood on the River. "
-Eighth grade WAVE student, 2016-17

Blood on the River, by Elisa Carbone
This book was enjoyed by eighth graders in previous years. It helped students understand colonization.

A Young People 's History of the United States, by Howard Zinn-provides an overview of U.S. history.

Use the Young Adult Library Services Association Book Finder to find great historical fiction titles and more:
<http://booklists.yalsa.net/>

Develop Your Passion Challenge

If you know what you like and you want to build on your passion, consider reading books about your favorite topic. You'll love what you're reading, and you'll get a jump on your Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP). Here are some sites to help:

Young Adult Library Services Association Best of the Best Books in 2019:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2019-top-ten-best-fiction>

Young Adult Library Services Association Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2019:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/nonfiction-award#current>

2019 Lone Star Book List https://txla.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/2019LoneStar_FinalFlyer.pdf



Mensa

Advanced Placement Challenge

Mensa for Kids--This site gives a recommended reading list for students in eighth grade. If you read the books on the list, can get a certificate and t-shirt from Mensa.

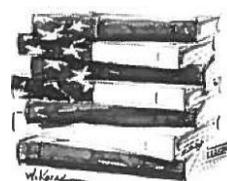
<https://www.mensaforkids.org/achieve/excellence-in-reading/>



The American Experience Challenge

League City Intermediate librarian, Mrs. Logan, has created an exciting list of modern books that reflect life in America. This list summarizes the books and allows readers to experience several different eras in American history. These books will really get you ready for our 8th grade Humanities class.

<https://tinyurl.com/2019AmericanExperience>



Note: Within the first two weeks of school, 8th grade WAVE students will discuss and write about the books they read.

Extra Credit: WAVE students will be given an opportunity to complete an extra-credit assignment related to their summer reading when they return in August.