



Eighth Grade Summer Reading List 2009-2010

All rising eighth grade students should read three titles from the following list. They should think about how the authors create characters and how the protagonists change within the narrative. During the first week of school, students will write on these issues.

Choose three of the following texts:

Adams, *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*
Baldacci, *Wish You Well*
Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*
Cather, *O Pioneers!*
Choi, *Year of Impossible Goodbyes*
Christie, *Murder on the Orient Express*
Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*
Earley, *Jim the Boy*
Fast, *April Morning*
Gaarder, *Sophie's World*
Gibbons, *Charms for the Easy Life*
Griffin, *Black Like Me*
Grisham, *A Painted House*
Klass, *Danger Zone*
Knowles, *A Separate Peace*
Krakauer, *Into the Wild*
Lopez, *Growing Up Chicana/o*
Myers, *The Glory Field*
Simon, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*
Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley*
Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*
White, *The Once and Future King*
White, *The Sword in the Stone*
Yolen, *Briar Rose*