

Central Magnet School

Grade 8 Summer Reading Assignment 2018-2019

Over the summer, your assignment is to **read two texts – the excerpt from *100 Ways to Improve Your Writing* that can be found in PDF format on Ms. Quinn and Mrs. Tipton’s webpages and one of the books listed below.** You may purchase your own copy of your selected book or use a copy checked out from a library. Central Magnet can purchase books for students to borrow if needed, but please note that notice is needed to allow ample time to fulfill each request. *While all books have been nominated for the 2018-2019 Volunteer State Book Award in the middle school division, students and parents are encouraged to research their chosen texts before purchasing.*

- Alexander, Kwame. *Booked*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016.
- Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Ashes*. Antheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016.
- Barnhill, Kelly. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. Algonquin, 2016.
- Cameron, Sharon. *The Forgetting*. Scholastic, 2016.
- Crowder, Melanie. *Audacity*. Philomel, 2015.
- Freedman, Russell. *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement that Defied Adolf Hitler*. Clarion Books, 2016.
- Gemeinhart, Dan. *Scar Island*. Scholastic, 2017.
- Grimes, Nikki. *Garvey’s Choice*. Wordsong, 2016.
- Harrington, Karen. *Mayday*. Little Brown & Company, 2016.
- Jarrow, Gail. *Bubonic Panic: When the Plague Invaded America*. Calkins Creek, 2016.
- Kidd, Ronald. *Night on Fire*. Albert Whitman and Company, 2015.
- Maraniss, Andrew. *Strong Inside* (Young Readers Edition): *The True Story of How Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball’s Color Line*. Philomel, 2017.
- Meyer, Marissa. *Wires & Nerve*. Feiwel and Friends, 2017.
- Pearsall, Shelley. *The Seventh Most Important Thing*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015.
- Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost*. Antheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016.
- Shetterly, Margot Lee. *Hidden Figures* (Young Readers Edition): *The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space*. HarperCollins, 2016.
- Shusterman, Neal. *Scythe*. Simon & Schuster, 2016.
- Vaught, Susan. *Things Too Huge to Fix by Saying Sorry*. Simon & Schuster, 2016.
- Weeks, Sarah and Gita Varadarajan. *Save Me a Seat*. Scholastic, 2016.
- Wolk, Lauren. *Wolf Hollow*. Dutton’s Children’s Books, 2016.

You are encouraged to annotate or take notes as you read. You will be asked to apply *100 Ways to Improve Your Writing* to your book, so you may want to read the excerpt from this book first and annotate your choice text with this in mind.

These texts should be finished upon return from summer break.

****Please note that these works and the eventual writings that will accompany them will constitute a large portion of our discussion for the first several weeks of class. You will spend a significant amount of time discussing, applying, and *writing* about each text.**

Remember your work on this assignment is also the first impression you will make as a student in the class - “Always Your Best.”