



Seventh Grade Summer Reading List

Blood on the River: James Town 1607 (REQUIRED)

By Carbone, Elisa Lynn ISBN-13: 978-0-14-240932-9

Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.

Carry on, Mr. Bowditch

By Latham, Jean Lee ISBN-13: 978-0-618-25074-5

A fictionalized biography of the mathematician and astronomer who realized his childhood desire to become a ship's captain and authored "The American Practical Navigator."

Fever, 1793

By Anderson, Laurie Halse ISBN-13: 978-0-689-84891-9

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

The Incredible Journey

By Burnford, Sheila Every ISBN-13: 978-0-440-41324-0

A young Labrador Retriever, an old Bull Terrier and a Siamese cat undertake a 250-mile trek through the Canadian wilderness in order to return to their home.

Justin Morgan Had a Horse

By Henry, Marguerite ISBN-13: 978-1-41692-785-3

An unusual work horse raised in Vermont and known originally as "Little Bub" becomes the sire of a famous American breed and takes the name of his owner, Justin Morgan.

My Side of the Mountain

By George, Jean Craighead ISBN-13: 978-0-14-131242-2

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains, including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.

Tuck Everlasting

By Babbitt, Natalie ISBN-13: 978-1-25005-929-1

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

Woods Runner

By Paulsen, Gary ISBN-13: 978-0-375-85908-3

From his 1776 Pennsylvania homestead, thirteen-year-old Samuel, who is a highly-skilled woodsman, sets out toward New York City to rescue his parents from the band of British soldiers and Native Americans who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community. Includes historical notes.

Call it Courage

By Sperry, Armstrong ISBN-13: 978-0-689-71391-0

Relates how Mafatu, a young Polynesian boy whose name means Stout Heart, overcomes his terrible fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his people.



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Chains

By Anderson, Laurie Halse ISBN-13: 978-1-41690-586-8

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

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Incident at Hawk's Hill

By Eckert, Allan W ISBN-13: 978-0-316-20948-9

A shy, lonely six-year-old wanders into the Canadian prairie and spends a summer under the protection of a badger.

Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison

By Lenski, Lois ISBN-13: 978-0-06-446162-7

A fictional retelling of the experiences of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and subsequently adopted by two Seneca sisters with whom she ultimately chooses to stay.

My Brother Sam is Dead

By Collier, James Lincoln ISBN-13: 978-0-439-78360-6

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

The Ransom of Mercy Carter

By Cooney, Caroline B ISBN-13: 978-0-385-74046-3

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

By Speare, Elizabeth George ISBN-13: 978-0-547-55029-9

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.