

8th Grade Summer Reading 2017

The book choices for **8th Grade Summer Reading 2017** are US historical fiction stories from various times in our nation's past. You may choose any one you prefer – they are all terrific!

Main Character Girl:

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare

Treasures in the Dust by Tracey Porter

Bound for Oregon by Jean Van Leeuwen

After the Dancing Days by Margaret I. Rostkowski

Main Character Boy:

Blood on the River by Elisa Carbone

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith

Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

You are required to complete **3 projects** regarding this book, as described below.

Book Journal –
(value = quiz grade)

Read your book **one chapter at a time**.
After each chapter, write a **paragraph summary** (5 sentences)
and an **interesting discussion question** about that chapter.

Book Review Form --
(value = test grade)

Fill out the blanks with regard to your book.
This info serves as pre-writing for a book review essay
that we will write together when school begins.

Mini-Poster --
(value = homework grade)

Using printer-size paper, make a **collage** about your book.
Include **5 pictures, book title, and author**.

All 3 parts of your Independent Book Project are due on the **first Friday of school**.

Book Review Form

Student Name: _____

Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Genre (3 categories): _____

Setting (time and place): _____

Main Characters: _____

Main Conflict (problem to be solved):

Plot Summary (the main events):

1. _____ (opening event)
2. _____ (rising action)
3. _____ (rising action)
4. _____ (climax)
5. _____ (resolution)

Theme (idea about life that this book teaches or asks):

Something Special About This Book (what makes it interesting) :

Your Personal Response to This Book (like/dislike, agree/disagree, why):

Points to Ponder (3 discussion questions):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____