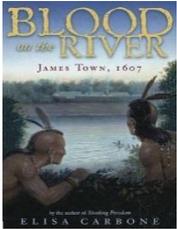


Dear rising 8th grade WAVE students and parents,

One of our objectives at WAVE is to nurture a love for reading. Our expectation is that 8th 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 8th grade curriculum and our theme. We hope you enjoy them.

Like a good challenge? Want to shine in 8th 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 our colonization and coming-of-age units.

A Young People's History of the United States,
by Howard Zinn

This book provides a quick overview of U.S. history.

Historical fiction novel list:

<http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2016/06/17/history-ya-world-history-ya-fiction/>

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 you locate books in all areas.



Young Adult Library Services Association Best of the Best Books in 2017:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2017-best-best>

Young Adult Library Services Association Nonfiction Award Finalists for 2017:

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

2017 Lone Star Book List

<http://www.txla.org/sites/tla/files/groups/YART/docs/LoneStar/docs/2017LoneListAnnotated.pdf>

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, you can get a certificate and t-shirt from Mensa. Check it out:

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



Mensa
The High IQ Society

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/AmericanExperienceList>



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.