

# Required Reading List, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

2019-2020

Theme	Course Activities	Assessments/Assignments	Time Frame	Texts
<b>Unit 1: Coming of Age</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	August to Mid-September	Crane, Stephen- <i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>  May-Alcott, Louisa - <i>Little Women</i>
<b>Unit 2: Overcoming Challenges</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	Mid Sept. to Mid-October	Hemingway, Ernest- <i>The Old Man and The Sea</i>  Luong, Ung - <i>First They Killed My Father a Daughter of Cambodia</i>
<b>Unit 3: Quest for Justice</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	Oct-Nov	Douglass, Frederick - <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</i>  Robert Cormier- <i>The Chocolate War</i>
<b>Unit 4: From Sea to Shining Sea (Differences within us)</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	Nov-Dec	Greene, Bette- <i>Summer of My German Soldier</i>  Hamilton, Virginia - <i>The House Of Des Drier</i>
<b>Unit 5: Nonfiction</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	Dec - Feb	Herzberger, Magda - <i>Survival</i>  Lord, Walter - <i>A Night to Remember</i>
<b>Unit 6: Drama</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Classroom Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	Feb-April	Defoe, Daniel- <i>Robinson Crusoe</i>  Shelley, Mary- <i>Frankenstein</i>

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<b>Unit 7: Imagery with Words</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Classroom Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment	April-May	Dean Myers, Walter- <i>Fallen Angels</i> Knowles, John- <i>A Separate Peace</i>
<b>Unit 8: The American Folk Tradition</b>	Small Group Readings, Whole Class Discussion, Classroom Presentation	Quiz/Test, Notes, Homework, Dramatic Reenactment, Final Assessment	May-End of Calendar Year	Twain, Mark- <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> Washington, Irving- <i>Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>