

Beaumont Middle School  
Summer Reading List  
Grade 7  
2022-23 School Year

All students who will be attending Beaumont Middle School as 7th graders are recommended to read two books over the summer and complete a reading project for each book. These books can be found at the Lexington Public Library and local book stores. Upon returning to school from summer break, students will have two weeks to turn in the projects to the language arts teacher. These projects will earn the student extra credit, as well as counting toward their Book Challenge.

1. The Elephant in the Room - Holly Goldberg Sloan (790 Lexile)
2. The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora - Pablo Cartaya (750 Lexile)
3. I Survived Graphic Novel Series (Reader's Choice) - Georgia Ball (520 - 610 Lexile)
4. When You Reach Me - Rebecca Stead (750 Lexile)
5. The True Meaning of Smek Day (recommend audio recording) - Adam Rex (740 Lexile)
6. Starfish - Lisa Fipps (Lexile 630)
7. The False Prince - Jennifer Nielson (710 Lexile)
8. Amari and the Night Brothers - B.B. Alston (Lexile Not Available)
9. Twerp - Mark Goldblatt (730 Lexile)
10. Ruins of Gorlan - John Flanagan (920 Lexile)
11. Cinder - Marissa Meyer (790 Lexile)
12. The Last Cuentista - Donna Barba Higuera (Lexile Not Available)
13. Knucklehead - Jon Scieszka (710 Lexile)
14. Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie - Jordan Sonnenblick (940 Lexile)
15. Not Exactly Normal - Devin Brown (900 Lexile)
16. The Lions of Little Rock - Kristin Levine (630 Lexile)
17. Warriors Don't Cry - Melba Patillo Beals (1000 Lexile)
18. Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz (670 Lexile)
19. Real Friends - Shannon Hale (340 Lexile)
20. Gregor the Overlander - Suzanne Collins (630 Lexile)
21. The City of Ember - Jeanne DuPrau (680 Lexile)
22. Knots in My Yo-Yo String - Jerry Spinelli (590 Lexile)
23. Front Desk - Kelly Yang (640 Lexile)
24. A Wish in the Dark - Christina Soontornvat (720 Lexile)
25. One Crazy Summer - Rita Williams-Garcia (750 Lexile)

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## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade's Nine Week Book Challenge

This year, you will be participating in a book challenge where you will read several books every nine weeks and create a Book Challenge One Pager for each book. We would like to encourage you to choose books that interest you, but also to choose books that may be out of your traditional reading comfort zone. If you need help choosing books, please ask any of your teachers or the librarian for assistance.

### Books

The point value of a book will vary based upon the number of pages.

- Under 200 pages = 1 book
- 200-499 pages = 2 books
- 500 pages or greater = 3 books

### One Pager

A One Pager is a single page response to your reading that includes both graphics and written analysis. Your One Pager will need to include the following:

- **Cover illustration** - This can be a colored illustration that you create or a picture that you print from online.
- **Author information** - Interesting facts about the author. You can also include a picture as well.
- **At least one quote** from the book that was important in the book or meaningful to you.
- **At least one good reader connection with explanation.** This could be text to text, text to self, or text to world.
- **A review** stating whether you would recommend this book or not and why.
- At least **ONE** of the following:

Fiction	Both fiction and non-fiction	Non-fiction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Analysis of the protagonist</li><li>★ Analysis of the antagonist</li><li>★ Analysis of the theme</li><li>★ Analysis of the conflict</li><li>★ Analysis of the climax</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Summary of the text</li><li>★ Three new vocabulary words with definitions and illustration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Importance of text structure to the book</li><li>★ If biography or autobiography, the main accomplishment of the person</li><li>★ Three new facts you learned</li></ul>

## Completing a One Pager

You may complete your one pager in a variety of ways.

1. You may create a Google slide with all the requirements. Remember, only one slide per book.
2. You may use Google Drawings. Make sure that you set up your page size to be 8.5 x 11.
3. You may do it as a collage on regular paper, take a digital photo of it, and email it to your teacher at the beginning of the year.

## Sample Book Challenges

These are examples that were created by students this past year.

**Merci Suarez Changes Gears**

**Author Information**  
Meg Medina is a Cuban American author who writes picture books, middle grade, and YA fiction. When she isn't writing, she is working on community projects and living her life with her family in Richmond, Virginia.

**I rate this book 3.5 stars**  
This book was quite boring. Most of the time you could predict what was going to happen next, which took away from the excitement of reading. It wasn't a terrible read either though, so I rated it 3.5 stars.

**Text to world-**  
Merci encounters many things that do happen to ordinary people, sick family members, the popular crowd, everything in middle school changing, etc.

**This book is about** the large change in Merci Suarez's life when she transitions from elementary school to middle school. It also talks about the struggles she is having at home with her grandpa being ill and her parents hiding this information from her. She has to deal with all of this while trying to find which friend group she belongs in.

"I don't know what is going to happen next year, no one does. But that's OK. I can handle it, I decide. It's just a harder gear, and I am ready. All I have to do is take a deep breath and ride."

**Cici's Journal**

I would give this book a 4 out of 5 because it had a wonderful plot and it made me want to keep reading it. I would recommend it to a friend.

In this book, Cici likes to write about people and by doing so, she needs to understand that person. To make friends, I need to understand that person.

"Once upon a time..."

Cici dreams of becoming a novelist. She figures that everyone has a secret and to write about people you need to understand what's hiding inside them. But, she discovers something strange: an old man who disappears into the forest every Sunday with huge pots of paint in different colors. What is he up to?

Joris Chamblain stumbled into graphic novels when he was very little and decided at an early age that this would be his career. During his teens, he ran a fanzine for six years. In 2009, he wrote essays for the Ciboulot collection. A year later, in October 2010, his first book, *Le Recherche d'emploi (Job Hunting)* was published as part of that collection. Other works of his are *Les Carnets de Cerise (Cici's Journal)* and *Sorcières Sorcières (Witches Witches)*. Nowadays he devotes all his time to writing comics and books for kids, and even trying his hand at a novel.



## THE MAZE RUNNER: THE SCORCH TRIALS



### RATING

I WOULD RATE THIS BOOK 5/5 STARS BECAUSE IT IS ACTION PACKED AND ADVENTUROUS. YES, I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BOOK.

BY:

### QUOTE

"HE STILL FELT HER ABSENCE; IT WAS LIKE WAKING UP ONE DAY WITH NO TEETH IN YOUR MOUTH."

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

THE AUTHOR OF THIS BOOK IS JAMES DASHNER IS A AUTHOR OF MANY BOOKS AND SERIES. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN GEORGIA, BUT NOW LIVES AND WRITES IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.



### CONNECTION

A CONNECTION WITH THIS BOOK IS A TEXT TO TEXT CONNECTION BECAUSE THOMAS GETS BETRAYED JUST LIKE IN ANOTHER BOOK I HAVE READ.

### THEME

A THEME FOR THIS BOOK IS TO NEVER BETRAY YOUR FRIENDS. THIS IS A THEME FOR THIS BOOK BECAUSE THOMAS IS BETRAYED BY HIS BEST FRIEND AND SAYS HE WILL NEVER FORGIVE HER.

Jenny Han:

- Jenny Han was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia
- She now lives in Brooklyn, New York



### SUMMARY

Lara Jean and Peter are not in a fake relationship anymore. Lara Jean must figure out how to balance two people from her childhood equally after one of her childhood crushes comes back into her life.

### CONNECTIONS

TEXT TO TEXT: this book is similar to Twilight because in Twilight the main character Bella balances a relationship between two people just like Lara Jean.

I give this book a 4.5 out of 5 because it is very interesting and very light hearted. You will not get bored reading it.



"I miss you. It's only been five days but I miss you like it's been five years."