

**Summer 2016 Reading List**  
**English Classes**  
**Grades 6 – 8**

**Summer reading is optional for students in grades 6 – 8.**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Students may choose either:  
*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare  
or  
*My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade** Students read *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Students may choose either:  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulson  
or  
*Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

**Middle School Summer Reading Book Report Requirements**

This **optional** book report is counted as extra credit in the first quarter. After reading the book **closely follow the below format. Failure to follow this format will forfeit your eligibility for extra credit.**

**Paragraph 1:**

The first sentence should include the title, author, and a “hook” (some fact or detail that will captivate teacher’s interest). The rest of the paragraph should include the exposition (characters, setting) and a one sentence summary of the plot.

**Paragraph 2:**

This paragraph should include unpack the plot, giving details. Be careful here not to exceed the maximum allowable sentences.

**Paragraph 3:**

Your concluding paragraph should tell your teacher what you thought of the book. Did you like it? Why or why not? Would you recommend it to your friends, and why or why not?

**REMEMBER:** ALL PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE BETWEEN SIX AND TEN SENTENCES. INCLUDE A TOPIC SENTENCE FOR EACH PARAGRAPH. CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION. USE SPELLCHECK BUT DO NOT RELY ON IT. CHECK YOUR WORK YOURSELF. THIS MUST BE TYPED AND IN MLA FORMAT. INCLUDE A CREATIVE TITLE.

**MLA Format:****Your Name****Teacher's Name****English Grade Level****Date****Title of Book Report**

**This must be in the upper left-hand corner and double-spaced. Begin your paragraph one double-spaced line below your centered title; the paragraph should begin with a ½" tabbed indent. The paper's heading goes in the upper left corner of the first page only. Use 1" margins.**