

Summer Reading Log



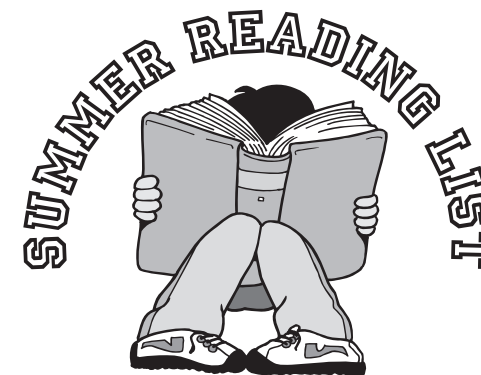
YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Students: Please list the titles you read this summer and write a brief summary for each book in the boxes provided. Return your completed log, signed by a parent or guardian, to your teacher the first week of school in September. Be prepared to discuss and complete an assignment based on your Summer Reading when you return to school.

Title/Author	Write a Summary



“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

- Margaret Fuller

8th Grade
June 2009

A copy of this list can also be found on the web at <http://lyonkerspublicschools.org/summerreading.php>

Summer Reading Information

Students are required to read a minimum of three books over the summer. You may choose two titles from the list or another title by the same author with the approval of the librarian or your parent/guardian.

Required Author - Gary Paulsen

All incoming 8th graders are required to read any book by Gary Paulsen.

Please maintain a reading log of all books read (on reverse) and return to your teacher in September. You should be prepared to discuss this author in class and work on related assignments the first week of school.

8th Grade Summer Reading List 2009

(For students entering Grade 8 in September 2009)

Title - Author

ADVENTURE

- Journey to Jo'Berg - Beverly Naidoo
- Hatchet - Gary Paulsen
- Voyage of the Frog - Gary Paulsen
- The Gypsy Game - Zipha Snyder

FANTASY

- *Inkheart (series) - Cornelia Funke
- The Eye, the Ear and the Arm - Nancy Farmer
- Ella Enchanted - Gail Carson Levine
- Eragon (series) - Christopher Paolini
- *Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
- Midnighters (series) - Scott Westerfield

HISTORICAL FICTION

- Fever, 1793 - Laurie Anderson
- Catherine, Called Birdy - Karen Cushman
- Esperanza Rising - Pam Munoz Ryan
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Mildred Taylor

NONFICTION-BIOGRAPHY-AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- Escape – The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman
- The Autobiography of a Slave - Juan Francisco Manzano
- An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 - Jim Murphy
- Woodsong - Gary Paulsen
- Knots in My Yo-Yo String - Jerry Spinelli

POETRY-SHORT STORIES

- Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems - Francisco Alarcon
- A Kick in the Head - Paul Janeczko
- Where the Sidewalk Ends - Shel Silverstein
- Baseball in April and Other Stories - Gary Soto

CLASSICS

- The Secret Garden - Frances Burnett
- *Robinson Crusoe - Daniel Defoe
- White Fang - Jack London
- Anne of Avonlea (series) - Lucy Montgomery
- *Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson

MYSTERY-SUSPENSE

- Crispin - Avi
- The Man Who Was Poe - Avi
- Flight #116 Is Down - Caroline Cooney
- Walk Two Moons - Sharon Creech
- Nancy Drew (series) - Carolyn Keene

CONTEMPORARY FAVORITES

- Summer of the Swans - Betsy Byars
- Children of the River - Linda Crew
- Double Dutch - Sharon M. Draper
- Breadwinner - Deborah Ellis
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key - Jack Gantos
- Day of Tears - Julius Lester
- Sing Down the Moon - Scott O'Dell
- Small Steps - Louis Sachar

- **Available in Spanish**
***Challenging**

Suggested Activities for Children and Parents

These activities are **optional** for you and your child to enjoy together after reading the book.

Letter to the Author

Write a letter to the author of the book asking why the main character acted like she/he did or why the author developed a particular idea and thought it was important.

Create a Diary/Journal

Create a diary/journal for a character in the novel.

Include the following: Several entries explaining your character's feelings about the events and other characters in the book.

Create a cover for your journal/diary.

You're the Author!

You are the author. You have decided to write an additional chapter to the book you just read.

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Lawn Boy

Hatchet

My Life in Dog Years

Nightjohn

Check out these websites to find books to read online:

Children's International Digital Library
<http://en.childrenslibrary.org>

The Online Books Page
<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>

Baldwin Library of Children's Literature Digital Collection
<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/ufdc/?c=juv>

Find information and perhaps audio about your book at <http://teachingbooks.net/home/>
Enter your email address (Leave blank if under 18) Password: YSummer (one word)

Families are encouraged to listen to one of the books as a family activity. Many books are available in audio or for download at the public library's website - <http://www.ypl.org>

Yonkers Public Libraries - 377-1500

Riverfront Library

1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, NY 10701

Grinton I. Will Library

1500 Central Park Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10710

Crestwood Branch

16 Thompson Street
Yonkers, NY 10707

