

# T.W. Hunter Middle School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading- Fall 2019

In order to prepare students for the rigor of 8th grade, all students are required to read at least one novel this summer. Students may choose either a fiction or nonfiction novel from the list below.

At the beginning of 8th grade, students will be required to submit one assignment from each of the columns on the “Buccaneer Book Study” (attached). The book and assignment should be completed by August 23, 2019.

Fiction Title	Synopsis	Genre	Level
<p><b><i>Fever, 1793</i></b> By Laurie Halse Anderson</p>	<p>During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out. Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>	<p>Grade Level - 7.5  Lexile- 580L</p>
<p><b><i>Between Shades of Gray</i></b> By Ruta Sepetys</p>	<p>Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941. She paints, draws, and gets crushes on boys. One night, Soviet officers barge into her home, tearing her family from the comfortable life they've known. Separated from her father, forced onto a crowded and dirty train car, Lina, her mother, and her young brother are taken north to a work camp in the coldest reaches of Siberia. Under Stalin's orders, they are forced to dig for beets and fight for their lives under the cruelest of conditions. It is a long and harrowing journey, spanning years and covering 6,500 miles, but it is through incredible strength, love, and hope that Lina ultimately survives.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>	<p>Grade Level- 6-7  Lexile- 490L</p>
<p><b><i>Million-Dollar Throw</i></b> By Mike Lupica</p>	<p>If a million dollars were at stake, could you make the throw? Nate Brodie is nicknamed “Brady,” not only for his arm, but also because he’s a huge Tom Brady fan. He wins the chance for something he’s never dreamed of—to throw a pass through a target at a Patriots game for one million dollars. Nate should be excited, but things have been tough lately. His dad lost his job and his family is losing their home. A million dollars could make a difference! All Nate feels is pressure, and just when he needs it most, his golden arm begins to fail him. Even worse, his best friend Abby is going blind, slowly. Yet Abby never complains, and she is Nate’s inspiration. He knows she’ll be there when he makes the throw of a lifetime.</p>	<p>Realistic Fiction</p>	<p>Grade Level - 7.5  Lexile- 960L</p>

<p><b><i>Caravel</i></b> By Stephanie Garber</p>	<p><i>Remember, it's only a game...</i> Scarlett Dragna has never left the tiny island where she and her sister, Tella, lives with their powerful, and cruel, father. Now Scarlett's father has arranged a marriage for her, and Scarlett thinks her dreams of seeing Caravel are over. Finally, Scarlett's long-dreamt-of trip to Caravel happens. With the help of a mysterious sailor, Tella whisks Scarlett away. But, when they arrive, Tella is kidnapped by Caravel's mastermind organizer, Legend. It turns out that this season's Caravel revolves around Tella, and whoever finds her first is the winner. Scarlett eventually becomes confused as to whether Caravel is real or a just an elaborate performance. Nevertheless, she becomes enmeshed in a game of love, heartbreak, and magic. <i>Welcome, welcome to Caravel...beware of getting swept too far away!</i></p>	<p>Fantasy</p>	<p>Grade Level - 8.0  Lexile-820 L</p>
<p><b>Nonfiction Title</b></p>	<p><b>Synopsis</b></p>	<p><b>Genre</b></p>	
<p><b><i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i></b> By James Swanson</p>	<p>Based on rare archival material, obscure trial manuscripts, and interviews with relatives of the conspirators, and the man-hunters, <b><i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i></b> is a fast-paced thriller about the pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth...a wild twelve-day chase through the streets of Washington, D.C., across the swamps of Maryland, and into the forests of Virginia.</p>	<p>Historical</p>	<p>Grade Level- 8.3  Lexile- 980L</p>
<p><b><i>The PACT</i></b> By Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, Lisa Frazier Page</p>	<p>Chosen by <i>Essence</i> to be among the forty most influential African Americans, the three doctors grew up in the streets of Newark, facing city life's temptations, pitfalls, even jail. But one day these three young men made a pact. They promised each other that they would become doctors. This is a story about the power of friendship and of joining forces to beat the odds. A story about changing your life, and the lives of others...together.</p>	<p>Biography</p>	<p>Grade Level -11.0  Lexile - 940L</p>

# BUCCANEER

# BOOK STUDY

## DIRECTIONS

Select **one** assignment from **each** column below. Write or type the answer to each assignment on a separate piece of paper. You may use multiple sheets of paper if necessary. Be sure to label each answer with the assignment's column and row. For example, if you were to do the assignment located in the top right box, you would label it 3A.



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A	Write a character sketch about an important person or character in the book.	Write three things that surprised you about the book, and explain why each surprised you.	Use two other sources to research and write a report on an issue from the book. Make sure to list the other sources that you used.
B	Create 5 possible titles for the book, and explain why these would be good titles.	Create a timeline of the major events in the book.	Describe three conflicts from the book and explain their solutions. If the conflicts were not solved, explain why a solution was unattainable.
C	Choose your favorite passage from the book. Copy it down, and explain what you found appealing about it.	Create an eight panel cartoon showing the major events from the book. Create a one to two sentence caption explaining each panel.	Write your own test. The test must be at least ten questions with a combination of matching, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay.
D	Create a one page script for a play based on the book.	Find and copy an example from the book that shows each of the following: curiosity, fear, determination, surprise, confusion, elation, disgust	Compare and contrast this book with another book you have read.
E	Top 10 List - List ten things you learned from this book.	Write a one minute radio advertisement persuading the public why they should buy and read this book.	Create a crossword puzzle with one-word answers to questions about the book.  Twenty word minimum. Use question type clues.