



St. Benedict's Episcopal School
Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading

All rising seventh grade students will read two novels over the summer. One of the novels will be the “required reading” and the other may be selected from the list below. Students should read both novels and complete the assignment by the first day of school.

Required Reading

***The Pearl* by John Steinbeck**

Assignment

Write an argument in MLA format explaining who or what is most responsible for the tragedy that Kino and his family experience and why.

Choice List

Choose one novel from the list below:

Fiction:

That was Then, This is Now by S.E. Hinton

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Emma by Jane Austen

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Book of a Thousand Days by Shannon Hale

Posted by John David Anderson

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Heat by Mike Lupica

Homecoming by Cynthia Voigt

P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia

Non-Fiction:

Strange Fruit. Volume 1: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History by Joel Gill

Sneaker Century: A History of Athletic Shoes by Amber Keyser

Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports by Gregory Zuckerman

Life on Surtsey: Iceland's Upstart Island by Loree Griffin Burns

Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95 by Phillip Hoose

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert
by Marc Aronson

Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World by Pénélope Bagieu

The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life by Kwame
Alexander

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Or you can also choose a novel from the list of Newbery Award Winners [here](#). The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association for the most distinguished American children's book published that year.