

Plainfield 202 Middle School Novel List

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Grade	Title/Author	Year	Lexile	Novel Summary
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963-</u> <i>Curtis, Christopher Paul</i>	1995	920L	<u>The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963</u> is a historical-fiction novel. The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Call of the Wild-</u> <i>London, Jack</i>	1903	1010L	<u>The Call of the Wild</u> is adventure fiction. The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, that is forcibly taken to the Klondike gold fields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Seedfolks</u> <i>Fleishman, Paul</i>	1997	710L	<u>Seedfolks</u> is a fiction novel. <u>is</u> a young-adult novel about how a little Vietnamese girl's actions of starting a garden affect a racially segregated neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. prompting the community to put aside their differences and get along.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Hatchet-</u> <i>Paulsen, Gary</i>	1986	1020L	<u>Hatchet</u> is a young-adult adventure novel about Brian Robeson's survival following a plane crash. The novel explores themes of positive thinking and perseverance as Brian faces challenges from nature like bears, porcupines, dehydration, and starvation; all with only his trusty hatchet to help him.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows-</u> <i>Rawls, Wilson</i>	1961	700L	<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u> is a fiction novel about a boy from the Ozarks during the Great Depression who gets a pair of dogs as puppies and raises them to compete in a raccoon-hunting championship.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Maniac Magee</u> <i>Spinelli, Jerry</i>	1990	820L	<u>Maniac Magee-</u> is a young adult fiction story about an orphan named Jeffrey Lionel who after 8 years of living with his unhappy aunt and uncle decides to run away. He finds a new life in a small racially divided town and becomes a legend through his actions of bravery and ignorance to racism.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook</u> <i>– Connor, Leslie</i>	2016	540L	<u>All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook</u> is a fiction novel. Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in Tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth--and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Al Capone Does My Shirts</u> <i>Choldenko, Gennifer</i>	2004	600L	<u>Al Capone Does My Shirts</u> is a fiction novel. A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Perfect Score</u> <i>Buyea, Rob</i>	2017	710L	<u>The Perfect Score</u> is a fiction novel. Told from different viewpoints, five sixth-graders, facing various challenges and under pressure to do well on statewide assessment tests, agree to a plan for acing the tests.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Restart-</u> <i>Korman, Gordon</i>	2017	730L	<u>Restart</u> is a fiction novel. Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he

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				really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Crossover</u></b> , Kwame Alexander	2014	780L	<u>The Crossover</u> is a fiction novel. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Booked</u></b> - Alexander, Kwame	2016	660L	<u>Booked</u> is a fiction novel. Twelve-year-old Nick loves soccer and hates books, but soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Tuck Everlasting</u></b> - Babbitt, Natalie	1975	770L	<u>Tuck Everlasting</u> is a fiction novel. The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing older.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Myths and Legends from Ancient Greece and Around the World</u></b> by various authors	2000		A collection of myths and legends, passed down from generation to generation, describing another world - a world of superhuman deeds, heroism, love, jealousy, war, tragedy, and triumph.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Fair Weather</u></b> - Peck, Richard	2001	730L	<u>Fair Weather</u> is fiction. Thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago in 1893 to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill and Lillian Russell, turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Red Pony</u></b> - Steinbeck, John	1933	810L	<u>The Red Pony</u> - is a fiction novel. Ownership of a beautiful red pony teaches ten-year-old boy about life and death.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>A Long Way from Chicago</u></b> - Peck, Richard	1998	750L	<u>A Long Way from Chicago</u> is a fiction novel. Set during the years 1929-1942, this humorous novel recounts a boy and his sister's annual summer trips to rural Illinois to visit their eccentric grandmother.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Angelfish</u></b> - Yep, Laurence	2001	550L	<u>Angelfish</u> is a fiction novel. Robin, a young ballet dancer who is half Chinese and half white, works in a fish store for Mr. Tsow, a brusque Chinese who accuses her of being a half-person and who harbors a bitter secret.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Jackson</u></b> -Green, Michelle Y.	2004	860L	<u>A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Jackson</u> is a biography. The story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, a woman who had to overcome the obstacles of gender and race to pursue her dream of playing baseball, and who finally got her chance when she and other African-American women were invited to play in the Negro Leagues after male players were allowed on major league teams.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Flip-Flop Girl</u></b> - Paterson, Katherine	1994	720L	<u>Flip-Flop Girl</u> is a fiction novel. Uprooted following the death of their father, nine-year-old Vinnie and her five-year-old brother, Mason, cope in different ways - one in silence - but both with the help of Lupe, the flip-flop girl.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Eagle Song</u></b> - Bruchac, Joseph	1997	680L	<u>Eagle Song</u> is a fiction novel. After moving from a Mohawk reservation to Brooklyn, New York, eight-year-old Danny Bigtree

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				encounters stereotypes about his Native American heritage.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Spies!</u></b> <i>Platt, Richard</i>	2000	840L	<b><u>Spies</u></b> is a nonfiction novel. In <b><u>Spies</u></b> , readers explore the history of espionage through war and "cold war" peace.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Hero's Trail: A Guide For a Heroic Life-</u></b> <i>Barron, Thomas A.</i>	2002	850L	<b><u>The Hero's Trail: A Guide for a Heroic Life</u></b> is a nonfiction novel. Explores how to lead a heroic life, facing challenges with courage, strength of character, and wisdom, much as a hiker uses those qualities on a challenging trail.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Any Small Goodness.</u></b> <i>Johnston, Tony</i>	2001	600L	<b><u>Any Small Goodness</u></b> is a fiction novel. Arturo and his family and friends share all kinds of experiences living in the barrio of East Los Angeles--reclaiming their names, playing basketball, championing the school librarian, and even starting their own gang.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora,</u></b> <i>Cartaya, Pablo</i>	2017	750L	<b><u>Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora</u></b> is a fiction novel. When his family's restaurant and Cuban American neighborhood in Miami are threatened by a greedy land developer, thirteen-year-old Arturo, joined by Carmen, a cute poetry enthusiast, fight back, discovering the power of poetry and protest through untold family stories and the work of José Martí.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Esperanza Rising,</u></b> <i>Ryan, Pam Muñoz</i>	2000	750L	<b><u>Esperanza Rising</u></b> is a historical fiction novel. Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Inside Out and Back Again-</u></b> <i>Lai, Thanhha</i>	2011	800 L	<b><u>Inside Out and Back Again</u></b> is a historical fiction novel about a young girl named Kim Hà and her family, consisting of her Mother and three brothers, being forced to move to the United States because the Vietnam War had reached their home, and it was no longer safe. They board a navy ship and flee.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Other Words For Home-</u></b> <i>Warga, Jasmine</i>	2019	930L	<b><u>Other Words For Home</u></b> is a fiction novel. Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind her, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. This lyrical, life-affirming story is about losing and finding home, and most importantly, finding yourself.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Clean Getaway-</u></b> <i>Stone, Nic</i>	2020	780L	<b><u>Clean Getaway</u></b> is a fiction novel. 11-year old Scoob goes on an unexpected RV-adventure with his beloved Grandma, who he calls, G-Ma. G-Ma is an extra special lady, who Scoob really loves spending time with. She always seems to understand him and knows the right thing to say for any circumstance.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish,</u></b> <i>Cartaya, Pablo</i>	2018	HL580L	<b><u>Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish</u></b> is a fiction novel. After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mom decides it's time for a change of environment. She takes Marcus and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives they don't remember or have never met.
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The First Rule of Punk,</u></b> <i>Perez, Celia C.</i>	2017	670L	<b><u>The First Rule of Punk</u></b> is a fiction novel. There are no shortcuts to surviving your first day at a new school—you can't fix it with duct tape like you would your Chuck Taylors. The first rule of punk is a wry and heartfelt exploration of friendship, finding your place, and learning to rock out.

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6 <sup>th</sup>	<u><b>Ghost,</b></u> <i>Reynolds, Jason</i>	2016	730L	<u><b>Ghost-</b></u> is a fiction novel. Middle school students (Ghost, Lu, Patina, and Sunny) with different backgrounds must work together to qualify for the Junior Olympics while also battling their pasts.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>The Running Dream-</b></u> <i>Van Draanen, Wendelin</i>	2011	HL650L	<u><b>The Running Dream</b></u> is a fiction novel. When a school bus accident leaves sixteen-year-old Jessica an amputee, she returns to school with a prosthetic limb and her track team finds a wonderful way to help rekindle her dream of running again.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>A Night Divided-</b></u> <i>Nielsen, Jennifer</i>	2015	810L	<u><b>A Night Divided</b></u> is a historical fiction novel. When the Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West--four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>The War that Saved My Life/The War I finally Won-</b></u> <i>Bradley, Brubaker Kimberly</i>	2015	580L	<u><b>The War that Saved My Life/The War I finally Won</b></u> is a fiction novel. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>Wild Bird-</b></u> <i>Van Draanen, Wendelin</i>	2017	HL680L	<u><b>Wild Bird</b></u> When her behavior escalates out of control, fourteen-year-old Wren is taken away to a wilderness therapy camp where she is forced to develop new skills, including the courage to ask for help.
6H	<u><b>Piecing Me Together –</b></u> <i>Watson, Renee</i>	2017	680L	<u><b>Piecing Me Together-</b></u> is a fiction novel. Jade believes she must get out of her neighborhood if she's ever going to succeed. Her mother tells her to take advantage of every opportunity that comes her way.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>Okay for Now-</b></u> <i>Schmidt, Gary D.</i>	2011	850L	<u><b>Okay for Now</b></u> is a fiction novel. Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces many challenges, including an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, suspicious teachers and police officers, and isolation, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he develops a close relationship with her and finds a safe place at the local library.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>Unstoppable-</b></u> <i>Green, Tim (TJ)</i>	2012	730L	<u><b>Unstoppable</b></u> is a fiction novel. Foster child Harrison, who dreams of playing in the NFL, is happy when he is put into a home with loving parents and a foster father who is a football coach, but, after becoming the star running back and suffering an injury, a cancer diagnosis threatens to ruin his future.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<u><b>Out of My Mind</b></u> <i>–Draper, Sharon M.</i>	2010	700L	<u><b>Out of My Mind</b></u> is a fiction novel. Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

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6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<b>Harbor Me</b> - Woodson, Jacqueline	2018	630L	<u>Harbor Me</u> is a fiction novel. When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<b>The Bridge Home</b> - Venkatraman, Padma	2019	680L	<u>The Bridge Home</u> is a fiction novel. Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Chennai, India.
6 <sup>th</sup> -6H	<b>Amal Unbound</b> - Saeed, Aisha	2018	HL600L	<u>Amal Unbound</u> - is a fiction novel. In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.
6H	<b>A Monster Calls</b> - Ness, Patrick	2011	730L	<u>A Monster Calls</u> is a fiction novel. Thirteen-year-old Conor awakens one night to find a monster outside his bedroom window, but not the one from the recurring nightmare that began when his mother became ill--an ancient, wild creature that wants him to face truth and loss.
6H	<b>The Help</b> - Stockett, Kathryn	2009	730L	<u>The Help</u> is a fiction novel. Skeeter returns home to Mississippi from college in 1962 and begins to write stories about the African-American women that are found working in white households, which includes Aibileen, who grieves for the loss of her son while caring for her seventeenth white child, and Minny, Aibileen's sassy friend, the hired cook for a secretive woman who is new to town.
6H	<b>Salt to the Sea</b> - Sepetys, Ruta	2016	HL560L	<u>Salt to the Sea</u> is a fiction novel. As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull.
6 H	<b>Wishtree</b> - Applegate, Katherine	2017	590L	<u>Wishtree</u> is a fiction novel. An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.
6 H	<b>Front Desk</b> - Yang, Kelly	2018	640L	<u>Front Desk</u> is a fiction novel. Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.
6 H	<b>A long Walk to Water</b> - Park, Linda Sue	2010	720L	<u>A Long Walk to Water</u> is a historical fiction novel based on a true story of the civil war in Sudan (1983–2005) where several thousand children become orphaned from their families. There are two stories intertwining in this novel between two 11 year old kids named Salva and Nya. Salva is one of the “lost boys” who endures several hardships through his journey of walking on foot in search for his family. The girl, Nya who lives in Sudan, walks 2 hours away from her home twice a day to fetch fresh water for her family. The stories of these two children lives intersect in a moving way.

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6 H, 7	<b><u>The Parker Inheritance-</u></b> <i>Johnson, Varian</i>	2018	610L	<u>The Parker Inheritance</u> is a fiction novel. Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure--but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow book-worm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.
6 H, 7	<b><u>I'll Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives-</u></b> <i>Ganda, Martin</i>	2015	790L	<u>I'll Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives</u> is an autobiography between two kids who become penpals. A 12 year- old American girl named Caitlin Alifirenka from PA and a 14 year- old boy named Martin Ganda from Zimbabwe begin their six- year correspondence that ends up changing both of their lives. In this inspirational memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends and better people through their long- distance exchange.
6 H, 7	<b><u>Beyond the Bright Sea-</u></b> <i>Wolk, Lauren</i>	2007	770L	<u>Beyond the Bright Sea</u> is a fiction novel. Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Using her bravery and perseverance, Crow must follow clues that not only lead to a personal treasure, but to uncovering her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family.
6 H, 7	<b><u>Refugee-</u></b> <i>Gratz, Alan</i>	2017	800L	<u>Refugee</u> is a fiction novel. Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.
7th	<b><u>The Outsiders-</u></b> <i>Hinton, S.E.</i>	1967	750L	<u>The Outsiders</u> is a young adult fiction A story about teenage hopes, fears, bravery and violent rebellion and living on the right side of the tracks.
7th	<b><u>Touching Spirit Bear-</u></b> <i>Mikaelsen, Ben</i>	2001	730L	<u>Touching Spirit Bear</u> is a fiction novel. After his anger erupts into violence, fifteen year-old Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
7th	<b><u>Rosa Parks: My Story-</u></b> <i>Parks, Rosa , &amp; Haskins, Jim.</i>	1992	970L	<u>Rosa Parks: My Story</u> is a non-fiction novel. Rosa Park's life story reveals the deliberate choices she made that earned her the title "Mother to a Movement."

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7th	<b><u>Within Reach: My Everest Story</u></b> - Pfetzer, Mark & Galvin, Jack	1998	970L	<u>Within Reach: My Everest Story</u> is a non-fiction novel. The author describes how he spent his teenage years climbing mountains in the United States, South America, Africa, and Asia, with an emphasis on his two expeditions up Mount Everest.
7th	<b><u>Freak the Mighty</u></b> Philbrick, Rodman	1993	930L	<u>Freak the Mighty</u> is a fiction novel. At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.
7th	<b><u>The Westing Game</u></b> - Raskin, Ellen	1978	750L	<u>The Westing Game</u> is a mystery/fiction novel. become instant millionaires sixteen heirs must unravel the strange will of Samuel W. Westing.
7th	<b><u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u></b> - Taylor, Mildred D.	1976	920L	<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> is a historical fiction novel. An African-American family in Depression era Mississippi battles the odds to hold onto their property and their self-respect.
7th	<b><u>Locomotion</u></b> - Woodson, Jacqueline	2003	NP0L	<u>Locomotion</u> - is a fiction novel. Inspired by his teacher, eleven-year-old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister Lili, and the death of his parents.
7th	<b><u>One Crazy Summer</u></b> - Williams-Garcia, Rita	2010	750L	<u>One Crazy Summer</u> - is a fiction novel. In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.
7th	<b><u>Dragonwings</u></b> - Yep, Laurence	1975	870L	<u>Dragonwings</u> - is a historical fiction novel. Inspired by the story of a Chinese immigrant who created a flying machine in 1909, Dragonwings touches on the struggles and dreams of Chinese immigrants.
7th	<b><u>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</u></b> - Moore, David	2015	650L	<u>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</u> - is a fiction novel. A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother's death.
7th	<b><u>New Kid</u></b> , Craft, Jerry	2019	GN320 L	<u>New Kid</u> is a middle-grade graphic novel following aspiring cartoonist Jordan Banks as he begins the school year at a prestigious private school. Jordan must figure out how to navigate fitting in at this new school environment, while also keeping his friends from home, without losing sight of who he is.
7 H	<b><u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u></b> - Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	1902	1010L	<u>The Hound of the Baskervilles</u> is a fiction novel about a ghostly mad-dog that has haunted a family for hundreds of years. When Sherlock Holmes looks into the mysterious death of Sir Charles Baskerville, strange events begin to take place in the creepy countryside. The story stars Sherlock Holmes, whom the author based on detective-like professors he had as a medical student in Scotland.
7 H	<b><u>The Pearl</u></b> - Steinbeck, John	1947	1010L	<u>The Pearl</u> is a fiction novel. Terrible events follow the discovery of a magnificent pearl by a poor Mexican fisherman.
7 H	<b><u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u></b> - Twain, Mark	1876	950L	<u>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</u> is a fiction novel. The classic story of a mischievous 19th-century boy in a Mississippi River town and

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				his friends, Huck Finn and Becky Thatcher, as they run away from home, witness a murder, and find treasure in a cave.
7th	<b><u>Lottery Rose</u></b> - Hunt, Irene	1976	1070L	<b><u>Lottery Rose</u></b> is a fiction novel. A young victim of child abuse gradually overcomes his fears and suspicions when placed in a home with other boys.
7th	<b><u>Oddballs</u></b> - Sleator, William	1993	1010L	<b><u>Oddballs</u></b> A collection of stories based on experiences from the author's youth and peopled with an unusual assortment of family and friends.
7th	<b><u>The Glory Field</u></b> - Myers, Walter Dean	1994	800L	<b><u>The Glory Field</u></b> is a fiction novel. Follows a family's two-hundred year history, from the capture of an African boy in the 1750s through the lives of his descendants, as their dreams and circumstances lead them away from and back to the small plot of land in South Carolina that they call the Glory Field.
7th	<b><u>Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America</u></b> - Robinson, Sharon	2004	1030L	<b><u>Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America</u></b> A biography of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American to play in the major leagues, as told by his daughter
7th	<b><u>A Step from Heaven</u></b> - Na, An	2001	670L	<b><u>A Step from Heaven</u></b> is a fiction novel A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.
7th	<b><u>The Pact</u></b> - Davis, Sampson, Jenkins, George, Hunt, Rameck & Frazier Page, Lisa	2002	940L	<b><u>The Pact</u></b> is an autobiography. Presents the true story of three African-American kids from the inner city of Newark, New Jersey, who made a pact to support each other as they rose from an environment of poverty, crime, and drugs, and went on to become successful doctors.
7th	<b><u>Someone is hiding on Alcatraz Island</u></b> - Bunting, Eve	1984	630L	<b><u>Someone is hiding on Alcatraz Island</u></b> is a fiction novel. When he offends the toughest gang in his San Francisco school, Danny tries to elude them by going to Alcatraz only to find himself and a Park Service employee trapped by the gang in an old prison cell block.
7th	<b><u>Micromonsters: Life under the Microscope</u></b> - Maynard, Christopher	1999	920L	<b><u>Micromonsters: Life under the Microscope</u></b> Explores the hidden world of very small creatures that live around us and even inside us, including fleas, bedbugs, itch mites and more.
7th	<b><u>Forge</u></b> - Anderson, Laurie Halse	2010	820L	<b><u>Forge</u></b> -is a fiction novel where we learn what it takes for runaway slaves to forge their own paths in the midst of the chaos of the American Revolution.
7th	<b><u>The Skin I'm In</u></b> - Flake , Sharon	1998	670L	<b><u>The Skin I'm In</u></b> is a fiction novel. A book about a middle school girl who is teased because of her skin color.
7th	<b><u>New Kid</u></b> , Kraft, Jerry	2019	GN320L	<b><u>New Kid</u></b> is a middle-grade graphic novel following aspiring cartoonist Jordan Banks as he begins the school year at a prestigious private school. Jordan must figure out how to navigate fitting in at this new school environment, while also keeping his friends from home, without losing sight of who he is.



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8th	<b><u>Stones in Water</u></b> - <i>Napoli, Donna Jo</i>	1997	630L	<u>Stones in Water</u> is a historical fiction novel. After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.
8th	<b><u>Scythe</u></b> - <i>Shusterman, Neal</i>	2016	830L	<u>Scythe</u> is a science fiction novel. In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.
8th	<b><u>Hush</u></b> - <i>Woodson, Jacqueline</i>	2002	640L	<u>Hush</u> is a fiction novel. Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program
8th	<b><u>Between Shades of Gray</u></b> - <i>Sepetys, Ruta</i>	2011	HL490L	<u>Between Shades of Gray</u> is a fiction novel. In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.
8th	<b><u>Red Kayak</u></b> - <i>Cummings, Priscilla</i>	2004	800L	<u>Red Kayak</u> is a fiction novel. Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, thirteen-year-old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong
8th	<b><u>Nothing but the Truth</u></b> - <i>Avi (Wortis, Edward Irving)</i>	1992	NP0L	<u>Nothing but the Truth</u> is a fiction novel about Philip Malloy, a freshman, who causes a disturbance at school by humming the National Anthem to annoy his teacher -- and the minor incident turns into a national scandal when the teacher is accused of being unpatriotic. The tale is told through a series of journal entries, letters, and memos.
8th	<b><u>The Boy In The Striped Pajamas</u></b> - <i>Boyne, John</i>	2006	1000L	<u>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</u> is historical fiction. Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.
8th	<b><u>Things Not Seen</u></b> - <i>Clements, Andrew</i>	2002	690L	<u>Things Not Seen</u> is a scientific fiction novel. When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it.
8th	<b><u>Hush, Hush</u></b> - <i>Fitzpatrick, Becca</i>	2009	640L	<u>Hush, Hush</u> is a fiction novel about Nora Grey, a teenager whose life is at risk after beginning a romance with new student Patch, a fallen angel with a dark connection to Nora.
8th	<b><u>The Giver</u></b> - <i>Lowry, Lois</i>	1993	760L	<u>The Giver</u> is a fiction novel about twelve-year-old Jonas who lives in a seemingly ideal world. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver does he begin to understand the dark secrets behind this fragile community.
8th	<b><u>Life As We Knew It</u></b> - <i>Pfeffer, Susan Beth</i>	2006	770L	<u>Life As We Knew It</u> is a fiction novel. Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

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8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Milkweed</u></b> - <i>Spinelli, Jerry</i>	2003	510L	Milkweed is a fiction novel. Follows a young Jewish orphan in the Warsaw ghetto during World War Two as he slowly understands the horrible reality that surrounds him and attempts to steal in order to help others survive.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Farewell to Manzanar</u></b> - <i>Wakatsuki Houston, Jeanne</i> <i>Houston, James</i>	1973	1040L	<b><u>Farewell to Manzanar</u></b> is a non-fiction book. During World War II a community called Manzanar was created in the high mountain desert country of California. Its purpose was to house thousands of Japanese Americans. Among them was the Wakatsuki family, who were ordered to leave their fishing business in Long Beach and take with them only the belongings they could carry. Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston, who was seven years old when she arrived at Manzanar in 1942, recalls life in the camp through the eyes of the child she was.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>The Jungle</u></b> - <i>Sinclair, Upton</i>	1906	1330L	<b><u>The Jungle</u></b> is a fiction novel. This dramatic exposé of the Chicago meat-packing industry prompted an investigation by Theodore Roosevelt which culminated in the pure-food legislation of 1906.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Code Talker</u></b> - <i>Bruchac, Joseph</i>	2005	910L	<b><u>Code Talker</u></b> is a fiction novel. After being taught in a boarding school that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Anne Frank: A Diary of a Young Girl</u></b> - <i>Frank, Anne</i>	1947	1020L	<b><u>Anne Frank: A Diary of a Young Girl</u></b> is an autobiography. A thirteen-year-old Dutch-Jewish girl records her impressions of the two years she and seven others spent hiding from the Nazis before they were discovered and taken to concentration camps
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff</u></b> - <i>Myers, Walter Dean</i>	1975	860L	<b><u>Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff</u></b> is a fiction novel. New to 116th street in New York, a young boy soon makes friends and begins a year of unusual experiences.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Who Moved My Cheese? For Teens</u></b> - <i>Johnson, Spencer</i>	1998	810L	<b><u>Who Moved My Cheese? For Teens</u></b> is a fiction novel. The author's parable about change framed in a story about a group of high school friends trying to handle change in their lives.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Anne Frank and Me</u></b> - <i>Bennett, Cherrie</i>	1996	NA	<b><u>Anne Frank and Me</u></b> is a historical fiction novel. After suffering a concussion while on a class trip to a Holocaust exhibit, Nicole finds herself living the life as a Jewish teenager in Paris during the Nazi occupation.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Number the Stars</u></b> - <i>Lowry, Lois</i>	1989	670L	<b><u>Number the Stars</u></b> is a historical fiction novel. Set in Nazi-occupied Denmark in 1943, this 1990 Newbery winner tells of a 10-year-old girl who undertakes a dangerous mission to save her best friend.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>F is For Freedom</u></b> - <i>Schotter, Roni</i>	2000	740L	<b><u>F is for Freedom</u></b> is a fiction novel. When ten-year-old Manda interrupts a midnight delivery, she discovers her parents' involvement in the Underground Railroad and makes her own contribution to a fugitive slave's freedom.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Going Home</u></b> <i>Mohr, Nicholasa</i>	1986	560L	<b><u>Going Home</u></b> is a fiction novel. Feeling like an outsider when she visits her relatives in Puerto Rico for the first time, eleven-year-old Felita tries to come to terms with the heritage she always took for granted.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>Brady</u></b> - <i>Fritz, Jean</i>	1960	880L	<b><u>Brady</u></b> is a fiction novel. A boy discovers an Underground Railroad station near his family's farm and is forced to make his own

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8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Bermuda Triangle-</u> <i>Donkin, Andrew</i>	2000	790L	<u>Bermuda Triangle</u> is a non-fiction novel. Explores the mysteries and legends associated with the Bermuda Triangle, an area in the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Bermuda, Florida, and Puerto Rico, where hundreds of boats and planes have vanished.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks-</u> <i>Reynolds, Jason</i>	2019	750L	<u>Look Both Ways-</u> is a fiction novel. The book consists of 10 chapters, each focus on a student or group of students who attend Latimer Middle School. The students are learning about themselves, each other and their world.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>The Benefits of Being an Octopus-</u> Brade, Ann	2018	770L	<u>The Benefits of Being an Octopus</u> Zoey is a seventh grader who has more responsibilities than most kids her age. Zoe doesn't have much time for homework because she's caring for her siblings while her mother works in a low paying job. They live with her mom's boyfriend (Lenny) who is moody and often mean. Her English teacher reaches out and convinces her to join the debate team. Over time Zoe learns about debate tactics, like discrediting your opponent and realizes that Lenny has been manipulating her mom.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Song for a Whale-</u> Kelly, Lynn	2019	800L	<u>Song for a Whale</u> is a fiction novel. Twelve-year-old Iris has never let her deafness slow her down. She is the only deaf student in her classes and is frustrated by the way her peers interact with her. During science class she learns of Blue 55, the loneliest whale in the world and uses her skills with electronics to come up with a plan on how to communicate with the whale.
8th	<u>Letters from Cuba-</u> <i>Behar, Ruth</i>	2020	875L	<u>Letters from Cuba-</u> is a fiction novel. The situation is getting dire for Jews in Poland on the eve of World War II. Esther's father has fled to Cuba, and she is the first one to join him. It's heartbreaking to be separated from her beloved sister, so Esther promises to write down everything that happens until they're reunited. And she does, recording both the good--the kindness of the Cuban people and her discovery of a valuable hidden talent--and the bad: the fact that Nazism has found a foothold even in Cuba.
8th	<u>The Awakening of Malcolm X-</u> Shabazz, Ilyasah	2021	1075L	<u>The Awakening of Malcolm X-</u> is a fiction novel. In Charlestown Prison, <b>Malcolm</b> Little struggles with the weight of his past. Plagued by nightmares, <b>Malcolm</b> drifts through days, unsure of his future. Slowly, he befriends other prisoners and writes to his family. He reads all the books in the prison library, joins the debate team and the Nation of Islam.
8th	<u>Becoming Muhammad Ali-</u> Patterson, James and Kwame, Alex		1010L	<u>Becoming Muhammad Ali-</u> is a biographical ficiton novel. Before he was a household name, Cassius Clay was a kid with struggles like any other. The authors share his life up to age 17 with his struggles in school, racism and his discovery of boxing.
8th	<u>Escape from Aleppo-</u> <i>Senzai, N. H.</i>	2018	880L	<u>Escape from Aleppo-</u> is an historical fiction novel. tells the story of the Syrian War through the eyes of a young girl as she makes her way across the city of Aleppo after getting separated from her family.
8th	<u>Illegal-</u> Colfer, Eoin and Donkin, Andrew	2017	GN490 L	<u>Illegal-</u> is a fiction novel. <u>Illegal</u> is the story of Ebo, a young boy from Ghana who journeys across Africa to Tripoli where he hopes

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				to migrate to Europe and reunite with his older sister Sisi and his older brother Kwame who have already left home.
8 H	<u>Lord of the Flies</u> - <i>Golding, William</i>	1954	770L	<u>Lord of the Flies</u> is a fiction novel. After a plane crash strands them on a tropical island while the rest of the world is ravaged by war, a group of British schoolboys attempts to form a civilized society but descends into brutal anarchy.
8 H	<u>Animal Farm</u> - Orwell, George	1945	1170L	<u>Animal Farm</u> is a fiction novel. After years of oppression by Farmer Jones, the animals on his farm rise up and chase him away. They plan to run the farm themselves, for their own benefit. At first, the animals are able to work together and support each other. Gradually, however, the pigs begin making helpful suggestions about how the farm should be run. Before long, the pigs are at the top of the social ladder and the rest of the livestock are wondering what happened.
8 H	<u>A Midsummer Night's Dream</u> - <i>Shakespeare, William</i>	1600	590L	<u>A Midsummer Night's Dream</u> is a play written by Shakespeare Complete text of the comedy of love, magic, and transformation with modern spelling and punctuation, annotated bibliography, and textual notes.
8 H	<u>Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</u> - <i>Stevenson, Robert Louis</i>	1886	1060L	<u>Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</u> is a fiction novel about a London lawyer named John Gabriel Utterson who investigates strange occurrences between his old friend, Dr Henry Jekyll, and the evil Edward Hyde.
8 H	<u>The Book Thief</u> - Zusek, <i>Markus</i>	2005	730L	<u>The Book Thief</u> is a fiction novel. Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.
8H	<u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> - <i>Woodson, Jacqueline</i>	2014	990L	<u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u> - is a biography/autobiography. Jacqueline Woodson tells the moving story of her childhood in a mesmerizing verse. Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.
8 Social Studies	<u>To Be a Slave</u> - Lester, <i>Julius</i>	1968	1040L	<u>To Be a Slave</u> – is non- fiction. A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century
8 Social Studies	<u>Black Dog of Fate</u> - <i>Balakian, Peter</i>	1997	1170L	<u>Black Dog of Fate</u> is a nonfiction novel. The first-born son of his generation, Peter Balakian grew up in a close, extended family, sheltered by 1950s and '60s New Jersey suburbia and immersed in an all-American boyhood defined by rock 'n' roll, adolescent pranks, and a passion for the New York Yankees that he shared with his beloved grandmother. But beneath this sunny world lay the dark specter of the trauma his family and ancestors had experienced--the Turkish government's extermination of more than a million Armenians in 1915, including many of Balakian's relatives, in the century's first genocide

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<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>The Boy Who Dared-</u></b> <i>Bartoletti, Susan Campbell</i>	2008	760L	<u>The Boy who Dared</u> is a nonfiction novel. In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>A Long Way Gone-</u></b> <i>Beah, Ishmael</i>	2007	920L	<u>A Long Way Gone</u> is a nonfiction novel. Ishmael Beah describes his experiences after he was driven from his home by war in Sierra Leone and picked up by the government army at the age of thirteen, serving as a soldier for three years before being removed from fighting by UNICEF and eventually moving to the United States.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>The Lost Boys of Sudan: An American Story of the Refugee Experience-</u></b> <i>Bixler, Mark</i>	2005	11440L	<u>The Lost Boys of Sudan: An American Story of The Refugee Experience</u> – is a non-fictional novel that concentrates on the lives of four boys who settled in Atlanta, Georgia, after being brought to the United States in 2000 as part of the influx of 3,800 African refugees--boys who had been orphaned or otherwise separated from their families in the chaos of the brutal conflict that has ravaged Sudan since 1983.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>Zlata’s Diary: A Child’s Life in Sarajevo-</u></b> <i>Filipolic, Zlata</i>	1993	640L	<u>Zlata’s Diary- A Child’s Life in Sarajevo</u> is a biography. As a child living in Sarajevo during the war, Zlata learns what it is like to lose friends and family and to fear for her life. Throughout the war, Zlata keeps her diary faithfully and shows her courage as her world falls apart around her.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>Over a Thousand Hills I Walk with You-</u></b> <i>Jansen, Hanna</i>	2002	790L	<u>Over a Thousand Hills I Walk with You</u> is a historical fiction novel by Hana Hansen. Jeanne, the only member of her family not murdered in the Rwandan genocide, struggles to start a new life without her family while coping with the violent memories that haunt her.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide-</u></b> <i>Keat, Nawuth</i>	2009	0750	<u>Alive in the Killing Fields: Surviving the Khmer Rouge Genocide-</u> is a non-fictional novel that is a memoir of Nawuth Keat, a man who survived the horrors of war-torn Cambodia. He has now broken a longtime silence in the hope that telling the truth about what happened to his people and his country will spare future generations from similar tragedy. Nawuth’s story of survival and escape from the Killing Fields of Cambodia is also a message of hope; an inspiration to children whose worlds have been darkened by hardship and separation from loved ones.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>The Road from Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl-</u></b> <i>Kherdian, David</i>	1979	990L	<u>The Road from home: The Story of an Armenian Girl</u> is a non-fictional novel. David Kherdian re-creates his mother's voice in telling the true story of a childhood interrupted by one of the most devastating holocausts of our century. Vernon Dumejian Kherdian was born into a loving and prosperous family. Then, in the year 1915, the Turkish government began the systematic destruction of its Armenian population.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b><u>Boy in the Wooden Box-</u></b> <i>Leyson, Leon</i>	2013	1000L	<u>Boy in the Wooden Box</u> is an autobiography from Leon Leyson, one of the youngest children to survive the Holocaust on Oskar Schindler’s list. Leon Leyson was only ten years old when the Nazis invaded Poland and his family was forced to relocate to the Krakow ghetto. With incredible luck, perseverance, and grit,

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				Leyson was able to survive the sadism of the Nazis, including that of the demonic Amon Goeth, commandant of Plaszow, the concentration camp outside Krakow. Ultimately, it was the generosity and cunning of one man, a man named Oskar Schindler, who saved Leon Leyson's life, and the lives of his mother, his father, and two of his four siblings, by adding their names to his list of workers in his factory—a list that became world renowned: Schindler's List.
<b>8 Social Studies</b>	<b>Yellow Star</b> - Roy, Jennifer	2006	710L	<b>Yellow Star</b> is a non-fictional true story of a Holocaust survivor, Sylvia Perlmutter. From 1939, when Sylvia is four and a half years old, to 1945 when she has just turned ten, a Jewish girl and her family struggle to survive in Poland's Lodz ghetto during the Nazi occupation.

GN - Graphic Novel

HL - high-low. A text designated as HL has a lexile measure lower than the average reading ability of the intended age range of it's readers.