

Beaumont Middle School

Summer Reading List Grade 7

All students who will be attending Beaumont Middle School in the 7th grade are recommended to read **two** books over the summer and complete a reading project for each book. These books can be found at the Lexington Public Library and local book stores. Upon returning to school from summer break, students will have two weeks to turn in the projects to the language arts teacher.

1. **Alchemyst** – Michael D. Scott (890 Lexile)
2. **Liar and Spy** – Rebecca Stead (670 Lexile)
3. **Bloody Times** – James L. Swanson (1010 Lexile)
4. **When You Reach Me** – Rebecca Stead (750 Lexile)
5. **The True Meaning of Smek Day** (recommend audio recording) – Adam Rex (740 Lexile)
6. **Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam** – Cynthia Kadohata (730 Lexile)
7. **The False Prince** – Jennifer Nielson (710 Lexile)
8. **Diamonds in the Shadow** – Caroline B. Cooney (750 Lexile)
9. **Twerp** --- Mark Goldblatt (730 Lexile)
10. **Ruins of Gorlan** – John Flanagan (920)
11. **Cinder** – Marissa Meyer (790 Lexile)
12. **Guys Write for Guys Read** – Jon Scieszka (920 Lexile)
13. **Knucklehead** – Jon Scieszka (710 Lexile)
14. **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** – Jordan Sonnenblick (940 Lexile)
15. **Not Exactly Normal** – Devin Brown (900 Lexile)
16. **The Lions of Little Rock** – Kristin Levine (630 Lexile)
17. **Warriors Don't Cry** – Melba Patillo Beals (1000 Lexile)
18. **Stormbreaker** – Anthony Horowitz (670 Lexile)
19. **One Came Home** – Amy Timberlake (690 Lexile)
20. **Gregor the Overlander** – Suzanne Collins (630 Lexile)
21. **The City of Ember** – Jeanne DuPrau (680 Lexile)
22. **Knots in My Yo-Yo String** – Jerry Spinelli (590 Lexile)
23. **QB 1** – Mike Lupica (930 Lexile)
24. **Dairy Queen** – Catherine Gilbert Murdock (990 Lexile)
25. **One Crazy Summer** – Rita Williams-Garcia (750 Lexile)
26. **Waiting for Normal** – Leslie Connor (570 Lexile)
27. **Watsons Go to Birmingham** – Christopher Paul Curtis (1000 Lexile)
28. **Beyond Courage, The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust** – Doreen Rappaport (1030 Lexile)
29. **Emily of New Moon** – Lucy Maud Montgomery (1060 Lexile)

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Character Bags

Please complete one bag for each book.

For this assignment, please read a book from the 7th grade summer reading list and choose a memorable character from that book. You will need a paper bag or a shopping bag/gift bag (not a plastic bag) and art supplies.

On the front of the bag, draw a picture or glue a clip art image or photo of your character. You may glue or staple pictures to the bag or draw directly on the bag.

On one side panel, write two paragraphs about your character's likes and dislikes. Use supporting evidence from the text. You may type your information, print it, and glue or staple it to the bag or write directly on the bag.

On the opposite side panel, write one or two paragraphs about how other characters in the text react and interact with your character. Please use supporting information from the text.

On the back of the bag, write a paragraph or list several ways your character changes throughout the text. End with a one paragraph reflection of why the character changed.

Inside the bag, include FIVE items you associate with your character. Be creative! These items can be actual artifacts or clip-art images.

You will be asked to present your assignment orally during the first two weeks of the school year. You should be prepared to briefly explain the information on the sides and back of the bag. Please do not read the information aloud word for word. You also will be asked to show the FIVE items you included in the bag and explain how each item represents your character or would be important to your character.