



**Summer Reading List
Rising 6th Grade**

Each student must read the following:

I. Hunt *Across Five Aprils*

Each student must read one of the following:

FICTION

N. Babbitt	<i>Tuck Everlasting</i>
G. Blackwood	<i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i>
	<i>The Year of the Hangman</i>
V. & B. Cleaver	<i>Where the Lilies Bloom</i>
W. Farley	<i>The Black Stallion</i>
J. Ferris	<i>Walking the Road to Freedom</i>
E. Forbes	<i>Johnny Tremain</i>
F. Gibson	<i>Old Yeller</i>
W. Gibson	<i>The Miracle Worker</i> (play)
M. Henry	<i>King of the Wind</i>
G. A. Henty	<i>In Freedom's Cause</i>
	<i>With Lee in Virginia</i>
H. Hurnard	<i>Hinds' Feet on High Places</i>
L. Lowry	<i>Number the Stars</i>
E. McGraw	<i>The Golden Goblet</i>
L. M. Montgomery	<i>Anne of Avonlea</i>
K. Paterson	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>
G. Paulsen	<i>The Winter Room</i>
C. Richter	<i>The Light in the Forest</i>
N. Shusterman	<i>Downsiders</i>
	<i>The Schwa Was Here</i>
M. Twain	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
	<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i>
E. Yates	<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i>
L. Yep	<i>Dragonwings</i>
J. Yolen	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>

NON-FICTION

F. Douglass	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave</i>
B. Franklin	<i>The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin</i>
F. Gilbreth, Jr.	<i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i>
H. Keller	<i>The Story of My Life</i>
G. Paulsen	<i>Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod</i>
B. T. Washington	<i>Up from Slavery</i>

CCS Summer Reading List Instructions, Rising 6th Grade

All incoming sixth graders must read two books they've never read before. The sixth graders must read one required book and choose one other from the list.

- What's my assignment?

For each book, you must complete a graded assignment described below.

- For *Across Five Aprils*, you must create a comic book depicting the main events. Focus on the most important event in each chapter and draw a comic book frame for it. The comic book must include one frame per chapter. This project must be neat, colorful, and creative. See the rubric for more details.
- For the book of your choice, you must write a book report. See the book report form for details. Write neatly, in blue or black ink, in cursive, and in complete sentences.
- For both books, you must affirm in writing how much of the book you actually read.

- When are the assignments due?

The comic book and book report are due on the first day of school.

- Where can I find the books?

Any book vendor will do, as long as the books are complete and unabridged. **Nothing from the "Illustrated Classics" series is allowed!** Most of these books can be found easily online or at your nearest Barnes & Noble. However, to save money, try the public library or your nearest used book vendor.

- What if I don't like the book I've chosen?

You must choose a book from the approved list, regardless of how you feel about the choices. However, search the titles for something that might interest you. If you get to the third or fourth chapter and still can't get into it, put it aside and choose another.

- May I just watch the movie?

No! Reading a book and watching a film are two completely different experiences. Don't be fooled into thinking you know the story just from the movie. Books are much more detailed and often differ greatly from their film versions. Read the book before seeing the movie. Then you can intelligently observe the changes. Parents should view the films first for any inappropriate content.