

## Summer Reading Requirements for Grades 5-8

1. Read two books during the summer from the list below.
2. For each book, students are to make a Plot Diagram of each story with the following:
  - Exposition (who, when, and where)
  - Inciting Incident (What gets the drama started?)
  - 3 Rises in Action (Events that drive the action up a notch.)
  - Climax (The last peak of action.)
  - 2 Falls in Action (Events that bring the story closer to completion.)
  - Resolution (How does the story end?)
3. Turn in both Plot Diagrams are due August 19 as tests in reading/literature.

*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleanor Coerr  
(recommended for ages 10+ due to WWII atomic bombing)

*Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli  
(recommended for ages 10+ due to pipe smoking and bullying)

*Bob* by Wendy Mass  
(recommended for ages 8+) lower reading level

*13 Story Tree House* by Andy Griffith  
(recommended for ages 8+) lower reading level

*The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA* by Brenda Woods  
(recommended for ages 10+)

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill  
(recommended for ages 10+ due to baby adoption)

*Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo  
(recommended for ages 10+ due to violence)

*Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly  
(recommended for ages 9+ due to presence of drinking)

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin  
(recommended for ages 10+ due to children running away)

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*The Science of Breakable Things* by Kae Teller

*24 Hours in Nowhere* by Dusty Bowling

*Cilla Lee Jenkins, Future Author Extraordinaire* by Susan Tan

*You Go First* by Erin Entrada Kelly