**Hixson Middle School Summer Reading 2015**

*This summer you should read as many books as you can. As a student at Hixson Middle School, you are required to read at least* ***two books from these lists****. You may choose two fiction titles, two nonfiction titles, or one fiction and one nonfiction title. This list is a compilation of some of the best-loved, most popular books read by readers over the past few years. One book you choose should be the book for your book club you will participate in when we return to school in August. Book clubs will consist of groups of 15 students or less, and a teacher who will facilitate a discussion in which students will be assessed on their comprehension. Please return the form on the next page to your Language Arts teacher by* ***Wednesday, April 29th****. It is important that you return the form on the next page, so that we can match teachers and students for book clubs. Happy Reading!*

**Book Club Choices**

**Fiction**

***The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse*** by Bruce Hal - **$4.79**

***The Field Guide*** (The Spiderwick Chronicles Book 1) by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black - **$5.59**

***Trapped*** by Peg Kehret - **$4.79**

***Night of the Living Dummy*** (Goosebumps Book 1) by R.L. Stine - **$5.59**

***Wonderstruck*** by Brian Selznick - **$23.99**

***Swindle***  by Gordon Kormon - **$5.59**

***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon Draper - **$7.19**

***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen - **$6.39**

***Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief*** (Book 1) by Rick Riordan - **$6.39**

***The Lost Hero*** by Rick Riordan - **$15.99**

***Dark Blue: Color Me Lonely*** Book 1 by Melody Carson - **$11.99**

***Holes*** by Louis Sachar - **$6.39**

***Into the Wild*** (Warriors Book 1) by Erin Hunter - **$5.59**

***Lost and Found*** (Bluford High Book 1) by Anne Schraff - **$4.79**

***Behind Rebel Lines*** by Seymour Reit - **$5.56**

***Flipped*** by Wendelin van Draanan - **$7.99**

***Hope Was Here*** by Joan Bauer - **$6.39**

***Stargirl*** by Jerry Spinelli - **$5.59**

***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio - **$13.59**

***Tuck Everlasting*** by Natalie Babbit - **$5.59**

***Dead is the New Black*** by Marlene Perez**-$6.39**

***The Angel Experiment: A Maximum Ride Novel*** (Book 1) by James Patterson**-$6.40**

***Matched*** by Allie Condie - **$7.99**

***Soldier*** ***X*** by Don Wulffson - **$5.59**

***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak - **$10.39**

***Bruiser*** by Neal Schusterman - **$7.99**

***The Outsiders*** by S.E. Hinton - **$7.99**

***The Graveyard Book*** by Neil Gaiman - **$7.19**

**Nonfiction**

***Lincoln’s Grave Robbers*** by Steve Sheinkin - **$13.59**

***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous*** by Georgia Bragg - **$7.99**

***Night*** by Elie Wiesel - **$7.96**

***Bad Boy*** by Walter Dean Myers - **$7.99**

Please return this form to your Language Arts teacher by **Wednesday, April 29**!!! EVEN if you don’t order books from school, return the form so you get the book club of your choice!

**Hixson Middle School - Summer Reading Order Form**

**Student name**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Grade**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Homeroom Teacher**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Book of Choice for Book Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please list the books you wish to order for summer reading and the payment method. ***Prices listed reflect a 20% discount as well as a tax exemption!***

(*ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO HIXSON MIDDLE SCHOOL.)*

Book Title:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*Money must be turned in to your Language Arts teacher along with this completed form. Books will be delivered to the Hixson Middle School Library/Media Center on* ***May 15th****. Students will come during class to pick up their books on Monday,* ***May 18th****.*

**Parent Signature Date**

**Parent Phone Number**

**Book Choice #2-The book you will do your project on**

*After reading your second book this summer, you should choose one of the following projects: book talk, analytic summary, letter to the author, or a plot diagram. Detailed instructions and rubrics that will be used for grading are included in this packet. You need to turn your summer reading project into your Language Arts teacher by Friday,* ***August 28th****. Happy Reading!*

**Book Choices for Projects**

**Fiction**

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## [*Little House in the Big Woods*](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=433) by [Laura Ingalls Wilder](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=1333&cw=true)-$5.59

## *[Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=160" \o "[Bunnicula])* by [Deborah Howe](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=3355&cw=true), [James Howe](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=3599&cw=true)-$5.59

***Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #1***) by Rick Riordan**-$6.39**

***Sea of Monsters (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #2*)** by Rick Riordan**-$6.39**

***Titan’s Curse (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #3*)** by Rick Riordan-**$6.39**

***Battle of the Labyrinth (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #4)*** by Rick Riordan**- $6.39**

***The Last Olympian (Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #5)*** by Rick Riordan**-$6.39**

## *[The Sign of the Beaver](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=210" \o "[The Sign of the Beaver])* by [Elizabeth George Speare](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=3438&cw=true)-$5.59

## *[Shiloh](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=260" \o "[Shiloh])* by [Phyllis Reynolds Naylor](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=1676&cw=true)-$6.39

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963*** by Christopher Paul Curtis-**$6.39**

***City of Ember*** ***(Books of Ember Series #1)*** by Jeanne DuPrau**-$6.39**

***Walk Two Moons*** by Sharon Creech**-$5.59**

***Lost Hero (Heroes of Olympus Series #1)*** by Rick Riordan-**$7.99**

***Son of Neptune (The Heroes of Olympus Series #2)*** by Rick Riordan - **$7.99**

***Mark of Athena (Heroes of Olympus Series #3)*** by Rick Riordan**-$7.99**

***House of Hades (Heroes of Olympus Series #4)*** by Rick Riordan**-$7.99**

***Blood of Olympus (Heroes of Olympus Series #5)*** by Rick Riordan-**$15.99**

***The Giver*** by Lois Lowry-**$7.19**

***The Statistical Probability of Love at First Sight*** by Jennifer E. Smith-**$8.00**

***Matched*** by Ally Condie-**$7.99**

***Maze Runner (Maze Runner Series #1)*** by James Dashner**-$7.99**

***Scorch Trials (Maze Runner Series #2)*** by James Dashner-**$7.99**

***Death Cure (Maze Runner Series #3*)** by James Dashner-**$7.99**

***Uglies (Uglies Series #1)*** by Scott Westerfeld**-$9.59**

***Pretties (Uglies Series #2)*** by Scott Westerfeld **- $9.59**

***Specials (Uglies Series #3)*** by Scott Westerfeld **- $7.99**

***Extras (Uglies Series #4)*** by Scott Westerfeld **- $9.59**

**Fiction (Continued)**

***The Ruins of Gorlan (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #1***) by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Burning Bridge (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #2)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Icebound Land (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #3)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Battle for Skandia (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #4)*** by John Flanagan-**$7.19**

***Sorcerer of the North (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #5)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Seige of Macindaw (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #6)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Erak’s Random (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #7***) by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Kings of Clonmel (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #8)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Halt’s Peril (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #9)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Emperor of Nihon-Ja (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #10)*** by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Lost Stories (Ranger’s Apprentice Series #11***) by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

**Royal Ranger *(Ranger’s Apprentice Series #12***) by John Flanagan**-$7.19**

***Red Pyramid (Kane Chronicles Series #1)*** by Rick Riordan**-$7.99**

***Throne of Fire (Kane Chronicles Series #2)*** by Rick Riordan-**$7.99**

***Serpent’s Shadow (Kane Chronicles Series #3)*** by Rick Riordan**-$7.99**

***Paper Towns*** by John Green-**$7.99**

***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander-**$13.59**

***City of Bones (The Mortal Instruments Series #1)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$10.39**

***City of Ashes (The Mortal Instruments Series #2)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$10.39**

***City of Glass* *(The Mortal Instruments Series #3)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$10.39**

***City of Fallen Angels* *(The Mortal Instruments Series #4)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$10.39**

***City of Lost Souls* *(The Mortal Instruments Series #5)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$10.39**

**Fiction (Continued)**

***City of Heavenly Fire* *(The Mortal Instruments Series #6)*** by Cassandra Clare**-$19.99**

***Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone (Harry Potter Series #1)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$8.79**

**Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets *(Harry Potter Series #2)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$8.79**

**Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban *(Harry Potter Series #3)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$8.79**

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire *(Harry Potter Series #4)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$10.39**

**Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix *(Harry Potter Series #5)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$10.39**

**Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince *(Harry Potter Series #6)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$10.39**

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows *(Harry Potter Series #7)*** by J.K. Rowling**-$11.99**

***Ender’s Game (Ender Quintet #1)*** by Orson Scott Card**-$6.39**

***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee-**$7.19**

***Speak*** by Laurie Halse Anderson-**$7.99**

***The Devil’s Arithmetic*** by Jane Yolen-**$5.59**

***Maus I: A Survivor’s Tale: My Father Bleeds History*** by Art Spiegelman-**$12.76**

***An Abundance of Katherines*** by John Green**-$7.99**

**The Search for Wondla (Search for Wondla Series#1***)* by Tony DiTerlizzi-**$7.99**

***Fablehaven (Fablehaven Series #1)*** by Brandon Mull**-$6.39**

***Rise of the Evening Star* *(Fablehaven Series #2)*** by Brandon Mull**-$6.39**

***Grip of the Shadow Plague* *(Fablehaven Series #3)*** by Brandon Mull**-$6.39**

**Secrets of the Dragon Sanctuary*(Fablehaven Series #4)*** by Brandon Mull**-$6.39**

***Keys to the Demon Prison* *(Fablehaven Series #5)*** by Brandon Mull**-$6.39**

***Trash*** by Andy Mulligan-**$7.19**

**Nonfiction**

***If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution*** by Kay Moore-**$5.59**

***[Girls Who Rocked the World](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=300" \o "[Girls Who Rocked the World])*** by [Amelie Welden](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=2762&cw=true)-**$8.79**

## *[Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Again...](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=work&legacy_id=1946" \o "[Kids at Work])* by [Russell Freedman](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/redirect_by_legacy?type=contributor&legacy_id=1766&cw=true)-$7.96

***Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food***by Schlosser and Wilson-**$7.99**

***How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous***by Georgia Bragg-**$7.99**

***Knots in My Yo-yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid***by Jerry Spinelli-$**8.79**  
***Blizzard of Glass*** by Sally Walker-**$10.39**

***Bomb: The Race to Build -- and Steal -- the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*** Steve Sheinkin-**$15.99**

***Bad Boy*** by Walter Dean Myers-**$7.99**

***The Nazi Hunters*** by Neil Bascom-**$14.39**

***Soul Surfer*** by Rick Bundschuh, Bethany Hamilton, and Sheryl Berk-**$12.00**

***Diary of a Young Girl*** by Anne Frank-**$6.39**

***The Warrior’s Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage*** by Eric Greitens-**$7.99**

***Brown Girl Dreaming*** by Jacqueline Woodson-**$13.59**  
***Three Cups of Tea*** (Young Readers Edition) by Greg Mortenson-**$7.19**

***Courage Has No Color*** by Tanya Stone-**$14.39**

***Laughing at My Nightmare*** by Shane Burcaw -**$14.39**

***I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban***by [Malala Yousafzai](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/c/malala-yousafzai/15701308), [Christina Lamb](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/c/christina-lamb)- **$20.80**

***Heaven is For Real*** by Todd Burpo-**$13.59**

***Pro-Sports-How Did They Begin?*** By Don Wulffson and Alfred Giuliani-**$4.76**

***Tim Tebow: Through My Eyes***  by Tim Tebow-**$12.79**

**Summer Reading Project Choices**

**Analytic Summary**

An analytic summary is more than just a summary or a retelling. In an analytic summary you should explain what the author does in the text. Your analytic summary must contain the following:

● In the first sentence, introduce the author and title of the work you are summarizing. 10 pts.

● State the central idea (nonfiction) or theme (fiction) of the work. 20 pts.

● In the subsequent sentences, describe how the message is conveyed. What did the author intentionally do to express the central idea or theme? Consider these elements: presents data and statistics, quotes experts, point of view, figurative language such as similes, metaphors, hyperbole, the use of characterization, symbolism, setting, tone and mood, text structure, dialogue, word choices, how the author sets up the problem, stirs empathy, etc. 30 pts.

● Be sure to clearly explain the link between the author’s choices and how they help convey her message. 10 pts.

● Be sure to discuss the author’s purpose for writing this piece. 10 pts.

● Finish with a concluding sentence, perhaps a condensed version of the author's conclusion, or a restatement of her or his central idea or theme. 10 pts.

● Writing is free of errors. 10 pts.

**Book Talk Rubric**

Please see the rubric below and make sure your child has rehearsed their book talk ahead of time.

You begin by telling us the title of the book, the author’s name, and the genre (5 points)  
You give a nice, concise summary of the book so that your audience understands what it’s generally about (25 points)  
If you’re presenting **a FICTION** book:  
1. You begin by describing the main character or characters  
2. You explain the main problem the character(s) face  
3. You don’t include too many minor details  
4. You don’t give away too much information (no spoilers)

If you’re presenting a **NON-FICTION** book:  
1. You explain the topic of the text. Tell us what the book is about.  
2. You share some of the most important and interesting facts you learned from reading it.   
You explain whether you liked the book or not AND WHY (10 points)  
You end with a specific recommendation…what kind of reader might enjoy it? (10 points)  
You have a copy of the book (or a copy of the cover) with you to use as your visual aid (5 points)  
You make great eye contact with the audience (10 points)  
You speak in a loud, clear voice (10 points)  
You stand still (no fidgeting) (10 points)  
It is obvious you planned your presentation in advance and practiced what you wanted to say. You have a note card that you can refer to if needed. (15 points)

**Letter to the Author Rubric**

format: 25 points

○ typed or written in an easy to read font

content: 25 points

○ describes how a work of literature somehow changed you or your view of the world

* addresses the author (the letter does not read like a literary criticism essay)
* provides explanations or examples, anecdotes or other details to support your point of view

reader response/originality and expression: 25 points

* dialogues with the author rather than summarizes or analyzes literary elements
* relates the book to you rather than asks questions about why the book was written
* corresponds with the author rather than compliments her/him
* vocabulary is smooth and natural, not “tongue-tied or showy

organization and grammatical correctness: 25 points

* ideas are presented in a logical, organized manner
* no unnecessary repetition
* an intriguing introduction
* a finished-feeling closing
* few to no errors of spelling and punctuation

**Plot Diagram Includes:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Includes all steps of the plot diagram.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Spelling and punctuation is correct in commonly used words.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Exposition has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Conflict has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Resolution has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Climax has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Rising Action has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Falling Action has accurate information

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 points Author’s message/theme relates to the text and is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 pts Overall appearance-is 8 ½ x 11 or larger, all work is neat and legible

Exposition: Characters in the story, setting of the story and background information about characters and story.

Rising Action: The introduction to the conflict (problem) in the book

Climax: The turning point in the story. Where the main character changes

Falling Action: When the problem begins to be resolved/fixed

Resolution**:** How the story ends