

2021 Aqsa Summer Recommended Reading List

Directions: You must choose from the list for your grade. Please do not read books that are for other grades. If you choose a book not on this list, it must be Islamically appropriate, and you must get your parent's approval by submitting the signed slip at the bottom of this page. Books with the * are recommended for readers who enjoy a challenge because they often appear on recommended reading lists for Honors or AP courses.

Going into 6th should read...

1. *Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry
2. *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan *
3. *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

Going into 7th should read...

1. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine
2. *Listening to Lions* by Gloria Whelan
3. *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett *

Going into 8th should read...

1. *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau
2. *Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke
3. *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery*

Going into 9th should read...

1. *Tasting the Sky* by Ibtisam Barakat
2. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
3. *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens*

Going into 10th should read...

1. *Ask Me No Questions* by Marina Budhos
2. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury*
3. *Girl in a Cage* by Jane Yolen

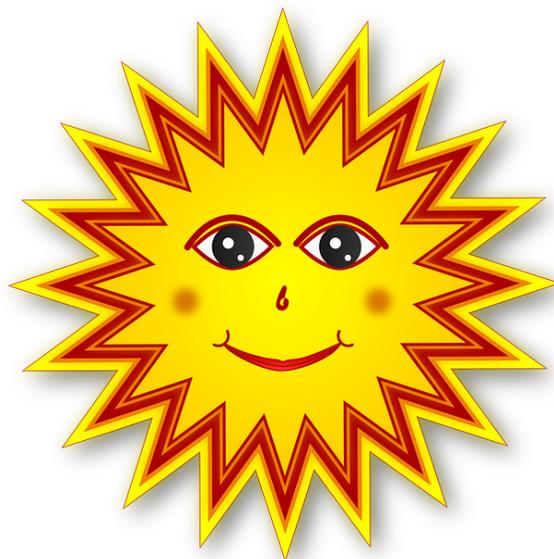
Going into 11th should read...

1. *The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
2. *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë*
3. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper

Going into 12th should read...

1. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald*
2. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
3. *Other Side of the Sky* by Farah Ahmed

In addition, 11th/12th graders taking AP Literature must read *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. You do not need to blog about this book, but you should take notes as you read. The first in-class essay of the year will be based on this book.



Parent signed permission slip is required if you are not choosing from your grade's list:

I give my permission for my daughter (student's name) _____ in grade _____
to read (book's title)* _____ by (author) _____
Even though this book isn't on the above list, I believe it is Islamically appropriate for my child to read and
complete their summer reading responses about this novel.

Parent's signature: _____ Date _____

Parent cell phone: _____ Parent Email: _____

Summer Reading Journal Directions:

*To motivate you this summer, we want you to vlog about your book as you read. You will need to make five short blog posts in a [Summer Connection Google Classroom](#). The class join code is: **67ija5f** This is the same Google Classroom that we used last year. Your English teacher will review your blog and give you a grade based on the rubric linked below. The posts will not take long, so try to complete them as you read the book, or you may forget the details you need for your entry.*

- Select a book from the recommended reading list or get your parents' approval to read a book that isn't on the list.
- Use this join code for the Summer Reading Google Classroom: **67ija5f**
- After you enter the Google Classroom, look under the tab "Classwork." Use the shortcuts on the left to find the writing prompts and respond as you read your books. You can type your response direction on the document provided or you may vlog by recording yourself speaking and upload the recording.
- The 5th and final post asks you for a video response using the app Flipgrid. It is okay if you wish to cover your face using a sticker or emoji. Showing your face will help your teacher get to know you, but it is optional.
- Finish reading your book and complete all your posts before the first day of school! You will NOT be given class time to complete this reading assignment during the school year, so don't forget to put it on your summer to-do list.
- If you have any questions email Mrs. Hartin at shartin@aqsa.edu

Blog Post Grading Criteria: http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/31058_rubric.pdf

