

2023 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. *Ungifted* by Gordon Korman
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. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen*
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. *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury*
2. *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry
3. *Other Side of the Sky* by Farah Ahmed

In addition, 11th/12th graders taking AP Literature must read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. You do not need to make a Flipgrid about this book, but you should jot down notes as you read and collect at least 10 quotations from the text that you think are important to understanding the characters/themes of the novel.. You will need to bring these notes to class for our socratic discussion the first week of school. 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: _____

2023 Summer Reading Flipgrid Directions:

Follow these guidelines as you complete your summer reading for Aqsa School:

- Select a book from the recommended reading list or get your parents' approval to read a book that isn't on the list.
- Jot down notes on paper or on sticky notes as you read your book.
- Record a video response using this Flipgrid link: <https://flip.com/093c5512> It is okay if you wish to cover your face using a sticker or emoji. Showing your face will help your English teacher get to know you, but it is optional.
- Answer the following questions about your book when you are making your video: 1) State your name, the title, and author of your book. Hold the book up to the camera and state that yes you finished reading the entire book. If you honestly did not finish it, please explain how far you did get in the reading and why you didn't finish. Try your best to read every page because you may only receive partial credit for this project depending on how you answer this question. What was your first impression of this book when you started it, and did it turn out better or worse than you first thought?
2) What was the main conflict in the book that created a domino effect and caused other problems between characters?
3) Choose another book that you've read and connect it to this book? Explain the connection.
4) What was your take away or lesson that you learned from reading this book? 5) Do you recommend this book to others? Why or why not?
- Submit your Flipgrid 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 your video isn't viewable after you submit it, don't panic. The settings are set to private, so that only the teacher can watch the videos.
- If you have any questions email Mrs. Hartin at shartin@aqsa.edu

