

# Summer Reading Book Choices

for Mrs. Snyder's incoming 7th graders

Check local libraries for these books if you do not want to purchase them.  
Barberton is part of the Clevnet consortium so they are able to get copies from other libraries if none are in stock. You can also check online for ebooks or used copies for under \$10!



Read at least two of the following:

## 1. Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Genre - Fiction (800L)*

Born third at a time when having more than two children per family is illegal and subject to seizure and punishment by the Population Police, Luke has spent all of his 12 years in hiding. At first the woods around his family's farm are thick enough to conceal him when he plays and works outdoors, but when the government develops some of that land for housing, his world narrows to just the attic. Gazing through an air vent at new homes, he spies a child's face at a window after the family of four has already left for the day. Is it possible that he is not the only hidden child? Answering this question brings Luke greater danger than he has ever faced before, but also greater possibilities for some kind of life outside of the attic.

## **2. Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac**

*Genre - Historical Fiction (910L)*

The United States is at war, and sixteen-year-old Ned Begay wants to join the cause—especially when he hears that Navajos are being specifically recruited by the Marine Corps. So he claims he's old enough to enlist, breezes his way through boot camp, and suddenly finds himself involved in a top-secret task, one that's exclusively performed by Navajos. He has become a code talker. Now Ned must brave some of the heaviest fighting of the war, and with his native Navajo language as code, send crucial messages back and forth to aid in the conflict against Japan. His experiences in the Pacific—from Guadalcanal to Iwo Jima and beyond—will leave him forever changed.

## **3. Endangered by Eliot Schrefer**

*Genre - Fiction (900L)*

The Congo is a dangerous place, even for people who are trying to do good. When one girl has to follow her mother to her sanctuary for bonobos, she's not thrilled to be there. It's her mother's passion, and she'd rather have nothing to do with it. But when revolution breaks out and their sanctuary is attacked, she must rescue the bonobos and hide in the jungle. Together, they will fight to keep safe, to eat, and to survive. Eliot Schrefer asks readers what safety means, how one sacrifices to help others, and what it means to be human in this new compelling adventure.

## **4. Harry Potter (any book from the series) by J.K. Rowling**

*Genre - Fantasy (880L - 1030L)*

The Dark Lord, Voldemort, tried to murder Harry when he was just a baby—but he failed, killing Harry's parents but leaving him with a lightning-bolt scar. After Voldemort's disappearance, Harry is sent to live with his nasty aunt and uncle, far away from any hint of magic. But at the age of eleven, he is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and a magical world opens before him.

## 5. Legend by Marie Lu

*Genre - Science Fiction (HL710)*

The flooded coast of former Los Angeles. Two warring nations of North America—the Republic and the Colonies. From different worlds, June and Day have no reason to cross paths—until the day June’s brother is murdered. And Day becomes the prime suspect. Now, caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse, Day is in a race for his family’s survival while June tries desperately to avenge her brother’s death. But in a shocking turn of events, the two uncover the truth of what has really brought them together and the sinister lengths their country will go to in order to keep its secrets.

## 6. Doll Bones by Holly Black

*Genre - Horror (840L)*

At 12 years old, lifelong friends Zach, Poppy, and Alice are ferociously clinging to their childhoods. Using old Barbies, pirate action figures, dolls from Good Will, and their imaginations, they have created an exciting world of characters in an elaborate game. Figuring heavily in their plotline is the Queen, an antique doll of bone china that belongs to Poppy’s mother and is strictly off-limits to the kids. She’s also incredibly creepy. When Zach’s dad throws away his action figures, the boy is so devastated that he ends the game abruptly, leaving the girls hurt and confused. Shortly thereafter, Poppy reveals that the Queen is made of the bones of a dead girl named Eleanor who has been communicating with her at night. The doll appears to be filled with Eleanor’s ashes, and she has promised Poppy that she will make their lives miserable if they don’t journey to Ohio, find her grave, and bury her properly. After much persuading, Zach and Alice agree to the journey. The Queen gets scarier and scarier as unexplained events begin to occur along the way.

# Summer Reading Assignment

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## Instructions

- ❑ You must complete one Tic-Tac-Toe in the chart below! You can go three across, three up and down, or three diagonally to get full credit.
  - For example, if I read Code Talker and Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, I might do the Cover Design for Code Talker, the Engineering Masterpiece for Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix, and the Writer's Challenge for Code Talker. This way Mrs. Snyder can tell I read both books and I only have to get one Tic-Tac-Toe.
  - I would recommend that you first choose your tic-tac-toe choices, then read the novels keeping your projects in mind. Lastly, complete the projects to turn in when school starts.
  
- ❑ This assignment is **due Friday, August 24, 2018 for full credit** or Friday, September 7, 2018 for **half credit**
  
- ❑ Mark which **TWO** of the following summer reading books you read this summer.
  - Among the Hidden
  - Code Talker
  - Endangered
  - Harry Potter and the (any)
  - Legend
  - Doll Bones

## Designer's Choice

### **Redesign the cover of the book.**

Think about ways the book was powerful and try to incorporate that in your design.

On the back of your design, answer these questions:

1. Why is the title significant to the story?
2. Why do you suppose the author chose this title?
3. What inspired the art on your cover?

## Engineer's Masterpiece

**Create a paper cube that you could roll like dice.** Instead of numbers, write a favorite quote from the book on each of the 6 sides. Try to keep a theme throughout your quotes. (For example, if I liked that my character was brave, I would find six quotes showing my character's bravery) Decorate your creation! (This may be easier to do before you put the cube together!)

## Writer's Challenge

Reread the first two paragraphs of the book. What did the author do to catch the audience?

Examples:

- Starting with a question
- Flashback to something that happened before the story began
- Starting with a powerful sentence or exclamation

**Write the first two paragraphs of a story of your own** using this author's strategy.

## Character Impression

**Dress up and do a video** of a character from your book. Pretend your character is doing an Instagram story or video blog talking to the audience about a conflict he or she is facing.

## Conflict Mediator

Identify two important conflicts in the book. Think about who is involved. **Make "Thinking of You" cards** to send to each of the characters involved in the conflict. Give them your best advice about how they could work to solve their situation.

## Setting the Setting

**Create a shoebox model** of a scene from your novel. Try to put as much detail in it as possible! Look around you this summer for things to use in it! **Describe the scene on a piece of paper and glue it to the bottom of the box.** Include the chapter and page number(s)!

## Author Connection

What happens if the reader can't connect to the book? How do you think the author wants you to feel when reading this book? **Write a letter to the author** answering these questions and adding in anything you'd like to tell him/her about your experience reading the book.

## Expert Historian

**Create a three-dimensional timeline** for your story. Include at least 10 events that happened in chronological order. Include at least one thing that happened before the actual story began (something you've learned from finding out a character's or setting's history)

## Language Guru

**Find 15 challenging words** in the book. **Make a flashcard for each word.** Write the word really big and the sentence from the story on the front (include page a chapter number) and then write the appropriate definition on the back.

