

**College and Career Ready
2016 Summer Reading
Grades 6, 7, and 8**

Grade 6 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2016-2017

Golabeck, Mona. *The Children of Willesden Lane* (nonfiction). 920L. *Memoir of the 1930's persecution of Jews and of Kristallnacht during the Holocaust period*
Synder, Zilpha Keatley. *The Egypt Game* (fiction) 1010L. *Imaginary game that teaches cultural diversity and tolerance*

Cooper, James Fenimore. *The Last of the Mohicans* (historical). 930L.
Adventurous account of the 1757 French and Indian war

Eliot, Thomas S. *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* (poetry). 1010L.
Amusing look at the behavior of cats compared to that of people

**Grade 6 CCRS SUMMER READING CHOICES
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Walter Dean Myers. *Bad Boy: A Memoir* (fiction). 970L

Sharon Flake. *Begging for Change* (fiction). 1060L

Charles C. Mann. *Before Columbus* (nonfiction). 1080L

Pat McKissack. *Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?* (nonfiction). 960L

David Aguilar. *Superstars* (nonfiction). 1160L

Grade 7 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2016-2017

Frank, Anne. *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl* (nonfiction). 1080L. *Diary of a young girl's Holocaust experience*

Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (nonfiction) 1070L.
Autobiography of poet, author, and actress Maya Angelou

Paulsen, Gary. *Hatchet* (fiction). 1020L. *Survival story of a 13 year-old boy after an airplane crash*

Twain, Mark. *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* (fiction). 1080L.
Time travel from the present into the period of King Arthur's royal court



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Carolyn Meyer. *White Lilac* (fiction). 990L

Victor Martinez. *Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida* (fiction). 1000L

John Steinbeck. *The Red Pony* (fiction). 810L

Jeanne Houston and James D. Houston. *Farewell to Manzanar* (nonfiction). 1040L

Roald Dahl. *Boy: Tales of Childhood* (nonfiction). 1090L

Grade 8 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2016-2017

Wiesel, Elie. *Night* (nonfiction). 590L. *Autobiographical events experienced by twelve-year-old Elie Wiesel during the Holocaust*

Gore, Al. *An Inconvenient Truth* (nonfiction). 1070L. *Warning about the threat of global warming and its changes to life on earth*

Orwell, George. *Animal Farm* (fiction). 1170L. *Personified farm animals mirror the behavior of humans in society*

Malcolm X. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* (nonfiction). 1120L.

Autobiographical account of events that shaped the thinking and actions of a civil rights icon

**Grade 8 CCRS SUMMER READING CHOICES
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William Golding. *Lord of the Flies* (fiction). 770L

George Orwell. *1984* (fiction). 950L

Sean Covey. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* (nonfiction). 870L

Freedman Russell. *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* (nonfiction). 1110L

Kadir Nelson. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* (nonfiction). 1050L



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