

7th Grade Reading List: Novels

Language Arts:

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Publication Date: 1967

Three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death as they search for an identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society in which they find themselves "outsiders."

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Publication Date: 2002

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Publication Date: 1993

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

Publication Date: 1977

It takes the events of one turbulent year to show Cassie that having a place of their own is the Logan family's lifeblood. It is the land that gives the Logans their courage and pride, for no matter how others may degrade them, the Logans possess something no one can take away.

Reading Plus:

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Publication Date: 1995

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Publication Date: 1997

A young girl struggles to find a place amid the tumultuous dust storms of the early 1920s and the turmoil of familial loss.

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7th Grade Reading List: Literature Circles

Students will read three literature circle novels throughout the course of the year. Students are given input as to the novel in each literature circle they would like most to read. The student will then read them with classmates who also chose that book. The literature circles are as follows:

Fantasy:

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Among the Hidden by Margaret Petersen Haddix

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

The Golden Compass by Phillip Pullman

Mystery/Adventure:

Ransom by Lois Duncan

Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Overcoming Obstacles:

One Fat Summer by Robert Lipsyte

So B. It by Sarah Weeks

Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt