Rising 7th Grade ELA: 2025 Summer Reading

Students are encouraged to select a novel(s) based on their reading level and interests. Please feel free to select a teacher-recommended novel from the list provided. Choose ONE novel to read over the summer. Honors Students: Choose TWO novels.

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz (Lexile: 760L)

Survive. At any cost. 10 concentration camps. Ten different places where you are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It's something no one could imagine surviving. But it is what Yanek Gruener has to face. As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has and everyone he loves have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner, his arm tattooed with the words PRISONER B-3087.

Maze Runner/Correr o Morir by James Dashner (Lexile: 770L)

When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone. Outside the towering stone walls that surround them is a limitless, ever-changing maze. It's the only way out—and no one's ever made it through alive. Then a girl arrives. The first girl ever. And the message she delivers is terrifying: Remember. Survive. Run.

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson (Lexile: NP)

When Lonnie was seven years old, his parents died in a fire. Now he's eleven, and he still misses them terribly. And he misses his little sister, Lili, who was put into a different foster home because "not a lot of people want boys- not foster boys that ain't babies." Told entirely through Lonnie's poetry, we see his heartbreak over his lost family, his thoughtful perspective on the world around him, and most of all, his love for Lili and his determination to one day put at least half of their family back together.

Uglies/Uglies en Espanol by Scott Westerfeld (Lexile: 770L)

The Uglies series has more than 3 million books in print and spent more than fifty weeks on the NYT bestseller list. Tally's adventures begin in Uglies, where she learns the truth about what life as a Pretty really means. In Uglies, all sixteen-year-old children are required to have cosmetic surgery that will make them "pretty." Tally Youngblood cannot wait to become pretty, but her life changes when she meets Shay, a girl who wants to remain "ugly." Tally lives in a dystopian future where everything is provided.

Divergent/Divergente by Veronica Roth (Lexile: 700L)

In Beatrice Prior's dystopian Chicago world, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can't have both.

Boy: Tales of Childhood/Boy: Relatos de infancia por Roald Dahl by Roald Dahl (Lexile: 1020L)

Dahl shares tales of his own childhood that are completely fascinating and funny. Did you know that he nearly lost his nose in a car accident? Or that he was once a chocolate candy tester for Cadbury's? Have you heard about his involvement in the Great Mouse Plot of 1924? Sure to captivate and delight you, the boyhood antics of this master storyteller are not to be missed!

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai, Christina Lamb (Lexile: 830L)

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. This intriguing novel focuses on Malala's fight for survival and opportunity.

Crossover/El Crossover by Kwame Alexander (Lexile: 750L)
Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the basketball court as their father ignores his declining health.

Consider the questions below as you read.

1. How does your main character understand his or her strengths and what he or she has to offer the world around them?
2. What is motivating your character to solve his or her conflict?
3. How do you connect to your main character (e.g., personality, strengths, conflict, motivation, interests)?
4. What did you discover about yourself as you were reading your novel of choice?
5. What did this discovery lead you to understand about your purpose/what you find most important to give back to the world around you?

**All novels on this list have been read and reviewed by the seventh-grade Language Arts teachers at BCMS, HBMS, and LTMS. Check availability as an audiobook and ebook on Destiny Discover and SORA.*

Parent/Student Resources:
Destinydiscover.com
https://hub.lexile.com/

Grade-Level Lexile Guide:

6th	***Fall***	*685L*	*835L*	*990L*	*1140L*	*1300L*
	Winter	*705L*	*855L*	*1010L*	*1160L*	*1320L*
	Spring	*725L*	*875L*	*1030L*	*1180L*	*1340L*
7th	***Fall***	*760L*	*910L*	*1060L*	*1215L*	*1375L*
	Winter	*775L*	*925L*	*1080L*	*1230L*	*1390L*
	Spring	*795L*	*940L*	*1095L*	*1250L*	*1410L*
8th	***Fall***	*820L*	*970L*	*1125L*	*1280L*	*1435L*
	Winter	*835L*	*985L*	*1140L*	*1295L*	*1455L*
	Spring	*850L*	*1000L*	*1155L*	*1310L*	*1470L*