

# 7th Grade Summer Reading Challenge 2025-2026

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** During the summer, you must read FOUR books (review the categories below). This will be your first ELA grade once we return to school in August. You may read *up to five additional* books for extra credit and tickets for an Amazon gift card drawing. Each additional book will earn you an extra credit point and an Amazon raffle ticket (maximum of five points extra credit and five raffle tickets).

**\*\*\*Please read the IMPORTANT note at the bottom of the back page prior to selecting books for summer reading.\*\*\***

## 1. Nonfiction or Historical Fiction: World War II and/or the Holocaust

Nonfiction Suggestions -

*The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

*Code Talker* by Chester Nez

*Y* by Jack Adler

*The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

**OR...Select a book on your own on World War II/Holocaust**

Fiction Suggestions -

*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana deRosnay

*Project 1065* or *Prisoner B-3087* by Alan Gratz

*The Paper Girl of Paris* by Jordyn Taylor

*The Librarian of Auschwitz* by Antonio Iturbe

*Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys

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Title

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**2.** There are many **Young Adult (YA)** reading lists. However, PCK teachers have not read all the books on these lists, so please do your research to make sure the book you choose is appropriate for you. If a book within a series is listed, you may read any of the books within that series for credit. Choose a book from the lists/links provided **OR** select a book/series often read by PCK middle schoolers.

[Must Read Young Adult - Douglas County Library List](#)

[Barnes and Noble: YA Summer Reading List 2025](#)

[Best Teen and YA Books of 2024 - Amazon](#) (books from the Amazon 2021-2023 lists are also acceptable)

[Epic Reads 2024-2025 - Douglas County Library List](#)

[Goodreads YA Fiction 2024](#) & [Goodreads YA Fantasy 2024](#)

Frequently read books/series:

-*Scythe* by Neal Shusterman   -*Powerless* by Lauren Roberts   -*Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross   -*Shatter Me* by Tahereh Mafi

-*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner   -*Shadow and Bone/Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo   -*A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson

-*The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes   -*Cruel Prince* by Holly Black   -*Legend* by Marie Lu

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3. Read a book recommended by a friend or family member.

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Title	Author

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Who recommended this book and why?

4. The fourth book is your choice.

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Title	Author

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Please write the title and author below. Each additional book equals one point extra credit and one raffle ticket.

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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT!!!!** Credit will not be given if any of the books read are below grade level. Also, you will not receive credit for reading the following books: *The Book Thief, The Pearl, The Call of the Wild, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Out of the Dust, The Old Man and the Sea, The Giver, A Christmas Carol, The Outsiders, Cyrano de Bergerac, Animal Farm, 90 Miles to Havana, Calling All Minds, Percy Jackson (any in the series).*