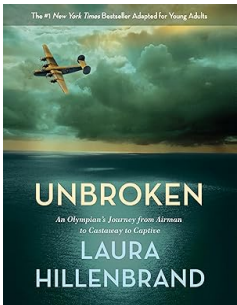




## Triton Middle School

### 8th Grade Summer Reading 2026

- ☐ This summer, please read *Unbroken* (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive, by Laura Hillenbrand, and complete a project for this novel.
- ☐ Then, read a second book of your choice and complete a **different project** for that text.
- ☐ Submit both projects to your English teacher on the first day of school on September 8, 2026

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| <b>Required Reading:</b>                                                      | <p><b>Book Cover:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p><b><i>Unbroken</i> (The Young Adult Adaptation): An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive, by Laura Hillenbrand</b></p> <p>In this captivating and lavishly illustrated young adult edition of her award-winning #1 <i>New York Times</i> bestseller, Laura Hillenbrand tells the story of a former Olympian's courage, cunning, and fortitude following his plane crash in enemy territory. This adaptation of <i>Unbroken</i> introduces a new generation to one of history's most thrilling survival epics.</p> |
| <p><b>Choice Book:</b><br/>Everyone chooses a <b>second</b> book to read!</p> | <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-summer-reading">https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/8th-grade-summer-reading</a></p> <p><a href="https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-middle-school-children/reading-list-for-8th-grade-students-age-13-14/">https://k-12readinglist.com/reading-lists-for-middle-school-children/reading-list-for-8th-grade-students-age-13-14/</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.yabookscentral.com/">http://www.yabookscentral.com/</a></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Summer Reading Projects

Please choose one option for each of the books you have read.

*\*Please choose a DIFFERENT option for each book.*

**1. Write a letter to a character in the book,** addressing their actions, choices, and/or behavior, and discuss how you felt about their choices/actions. Your letter should be 200+ words. Must be in standard letter format, and free of grammatical errors.

**2. Complete a graphic organizer on your novel.** Be sure to include: characters, setting, major events, the climax of the story, and a conflict in the story. Briefly describe each element.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XBkuk8TSHUrwpt1UhWp4wBr8JaPLdVSn/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XBkuk8TSHUrwpt1UhWp4wBr8JaPLdVSn/view?usp=share_link)

**\*\*You may use the template provided or create one of your own. (See attached template).**

**3. Alternate Ending:** Rewrite the last chapter/ending of your book, or add an ending that tells the “rest of the story,” if it ended with a cliffhanger. The alternate ending must be 200+ words, typed or in pen, and include a separate short paragraph explaining how your ending differs from the original and why you changed it.

**4. Create a postcard** written from the perspective of one of the characters in the book. On one side of the paper, create a picture that represents something in the book, and on the other, write a letter from the perspective of one of the characters to another character in the book.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plot** is a series of related events that make up a story or drama.

