

SFACS Middle School Emerging Leaders SUMMER READING List 2017

The following is the required summer reading for Sankofa Freedom Academy scholars. Please refer to the grade level your child will be entering in September, 2015 for the appropriate assigned books. There are three mandatory books for each grade level. The mandatory books have *** next to the title. In addition, you are to select two other books for a total of five. Each scholars must complete a reading journal that should include five entries. Each entry should correspond to one of the books you have read. Choose an activity for each book from the list below. You should choose a different activity for each book. For your favorite of the five books you must complete the mandatory persuasive writing assignment given at the end of the list. Please use the format below to guide your journal writing. Please bring your writing assignment and book journal with you on the first day of school and turn it in to your English teacher.

Sixth Grade

*****Sounder** – William H. Armstrong
*****An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio**
McKissack
*****Hush** – Jacqueline Woodson
Old Yeller – Fred Gibson
Woodson
A Wrinkle in Time – Madelene L'Engle

Bless Me Ultima – Rudolfo Anaya
Rebels Against Slavery – Patricia

The Old African – Julius Lester
Peace Locomotion by Jacqueline

Stargirl – Jerry Spinelli

Seventh Grade

*****Miracle Boys** – Jacqueline Woodson
*****Fly Girl** – Sheri Smith
Jules Verne
*****Riot** by Walter Dean Myers
The Greatest – Walter Dean Myers
Twice Toward Justice – Philip Hoose
McCall

The Red Pony – John Steinbeck
A Journey to the Center of the Earth –

Tell Them We're Home – Marina Budhos
Watership Down – Richard Adams
Under the Mesquite – Guadalupe Garcia

Eighth Grade

*****The Secret Life of Bees**- Sue Monk Kidd
*****Slam**- Walter Dean Myers
*** **Claudette Colvin-Twice Towards Justice**- By Phillip Hoose
Slam – Walter Dean Myers
The Outsiders-S.E Hinton
I am the Cheese-Robert Cormier
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings- Maya Angelou
The Accusation- Anne Schraff
Seabiscuit "An American Legend"-Laura Hillenbrand
White Fang- Jack London
The Well- Mildred Taylor

Sample Reading Journal

Scholar's Name _____

Book Title _____

Author _____

Choose any activity from the list below to complete for each book read:

- a) Write a letter to a friend and tell why he or she should not miss this book.
- b) Write about an exciting part from your book and end with, "Read and find out more!"
- f) Tell something funny that happened in your story and connect it to something in your own life.
- g) Tell something that surprised you in your book.
- h) Choose a scene or character from the book rewrite it and alter the ending
- i) Tell another way the book might end.
- j) Write a note to the author of the book explaining how he might change the book for the better.
- k) Choose a character and write 4-5 questions that are not covered in the story that you would like to ask him or her. Provide possible answers that the character would give based on the book.

Final Mandatory Reading Journal for your fifth journal and favorite book

Writing Prompt:

Emerging leader should select his or her favorite story and write a persuasive essay to convince the antagonists (villain) how and why they should change their ways : (Use examples from the story.)