

Grade 6

Summer Reading List

Historical Fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul – *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* 1963

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.

Curtis, Christopher Paul – *Bud, not Buddy*

After losing his mother and being shuffled around to various foster homes, ten year old Bud sets out on a journey to find his long lost father.

Cushman, Karen – *Rodzina*

Orphaned, 12-year-old Rodzina, boards a train on a cold day in March 1881 heading for the West. She expects to be adopted, but fears being turned into a slave. Worst of all she is afraid of not being adopted at all.

Taylor, Mildred – *Song of the Trees; The Gold Cadillac; Mississippi Bridge*

These short novels open windows for the reader on the Logan Family. The Logans are proud, educated landowners who challenge injustice - factors that threaten them as African-Americans in 1933 Mississippi.



Taylor, Mildred—*The Land*

The prequel to Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. In it, Paul Edward Logan, the son of a white father and a black mother, finds himself caught between worlds as he pursues his dream of owning land in the years following the Civil War.

Salisbury, Graham – *Under the Blood-red Sun*

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

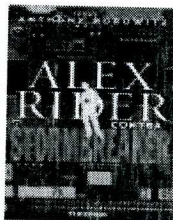
Yolen, Jane - *Girl in a Cage*

The year is 1306 and the English army invades Scotland. Princess Marjorie, daughter of the new Scottish king, Robert-the-Bruce, is captured by the English and King Edward Longshanks has her imprisoned in a cage in the center of town. Exposed to the elements and to the scorn and taunts of the English, Marjorie holds fast to the knowledge that she must make her country proud, as a true princess should, even if she is in a cage.

Action and Adventure

Horowitz, Anthony - *Alex Rider Adventures, Volumes 1-6*

Follow fourteen year old Alex Rider as he continues his late uncle's work as a spy for the British Intelligence Agency, M16



Paulsen, Gary - *How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports*

Gary Paulsen relays outrageous tales from his childhood in Minnesota. Readers will laugh along as Paulsen attempts ridiculous stunts, just to see what might happen. A book that many 13 year old boys can relate to.

