

# 8th Grade Summer Reading List

KINGSVILLE INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2009

Eighth grade students are required to read from the recommended list and complete 3 of the enclosed book reviews. Challenge students are required to turn in 5 (or more) book reviews the first week of school.

*The King High--Alexander*

*Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret--Blume*

*The Summer of the Swans--Byars*

*Never Cry Wolf-Mowat*

*Dacey's Song--Voight*

*Jacob Have I Loved Patterson*

*Iron Man--Crutcher*

*Make Lemonade--Wolff*

*The Examination-- Bosse*

*Greek Myths-- Collidge*

*Sherlock Holmes Short Stories--Doyle*

*Enchantress From the Stars--Engdahl*

*Barbara Jordan--Haskins*

*Up a Road Slowly--Hunt*

*The Young Unicorns--L'Engle*

*The Slightly Tilting Planet--L'Engle*

*Brian Piccolo: A Short Season--Morris*

*Z for Zachariah--O'Brien*

*Tituba of Salem Village--Petry*

*Treasure Island--Stevenson*

*Banner in the Sky--Ulman*

*Shadow of a Bull--Wojciechowska*

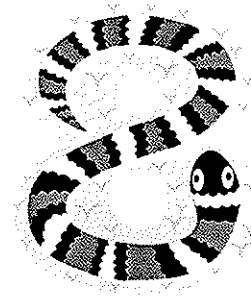
*The Old Man and the Sea--Hemingway*

*Little Men--Alcott*

*A Bloody Country--Collier*

*A Gift of Gold --Bulter*

*The Wind in the Door--L'Engle*



## BOOK REVIEW FORMAT

Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Central  
Character: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Characters  
(Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Setting(Time & Place): \_\_\_\_\_

Events in summary: \_\_\_\_\_

State the theme(central idea) or what you learned  
from the book: \_\_\_\_\_



*Born Free* -- Adamson  
*Fables* -- Aesop  
*Miss Hickory* -- Bailey  
*Peter Pan* -- Barrie  
*The Cat Who Went to Heaven* --  
DuBois  
*The Mousewife* -- Godden  
*Big Red* -- Kjelgaard  
*National Velvet* -- Bagnold  
*The Thirty-Nine Steps* -- Buchan  
*The Bow Incident* -- Clark  
*The Last of the Mohicans* --  
Cooper  
*An American Hero: The True Story  
of Charles Lindbergh* --  
Denenberg  
*The Shadow of the Dragon* --  
Garland  
*Danger Zone* -- Klass

*A Year Down Yonder* -- Peck  
*Bud, Not Buddy* -- Christopher  
*Out of the Dust* -- Hesse  
*The Midwife's Apprentice* --  
Cushman  
*Walk Two Moons* -- Creech  
*Missing May* -- Rylant  
*Shiloh* -- Naylor  
*Maniac Magee* -- Spinelli  
*Smoky* -- James  
*Shen of the Sea* -- Chrisman  
*Tales from Silver Lands* --  
Finger  
*Never Cry Wolf* -- Mowat  
*Spyglass: An Autobiography* --  
Deschamps  
*Make Lemonade* -- Wolff



*Among the Hidden* --  
Haddix  
*At Her Majesty's Request: An African  
Princes in Victoria England* --  
Myers  
*Downsiders: A Novel* -- Shusterman  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (  
any of the Harry Potter books) -- Rowling  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* --  
Gantos  
*The Maze* -- Hobbs  
*My Angelica* -- Williams  
*1918 Pictures* -- Ingold  
*The Shakespeare Stealer* -- Blackwood  
*Book of Three* -- Alexander  
*Before We Were Free* -- Alvarez  
*The Hobbit* -- Tolkien  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's  
Court* -- Twain

