

Students Entering Grade 8

*All 8th grade students will read a total of **TWO** books.

I. **Mandatory 8th Grade Title** (all students entering grade eight are required to read)
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

II. **Choose one of the following titles for your second book:**

1. *Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter
2. *Scythe (Arc of a Scythe Series #1)* by Neil Shusterman
3. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs
4. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children: The Graphic Novel* by Ransom Riggs and Cassandra Jean
5. *Booked* by Kwame Alexander
6. *Red Queen* by Victoria Aveyard
7. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
8. *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie
9. *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed
10. *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank
11. *Eleven Seconds* by Travis Roy and E.M. Swift
12. *March: Book One* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
13. *Young Ben Franklin* Podcast: Season 1 (*Not a novel. This is an audio drama that can be downloaded and listened to on any listening device. Visit www.bestrobotever.com/young-ben-franklin for episodes. There are 10 total episodes in Season 1)

Grade 8 Project Instructions

I. Mandatory 8th Grade Title

The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall

- You will take a quiz on the novel when you return to school in August.
- You must be able to participate in a class discussion of the novel during the first full week of the year. *You will be assessed on your participation.* Notes are critical for this.

II. Second Book (choose title from previous page):

- Complete the two-column notes given to you at the end of the school year identifying the narrative story elements.
- This assignment is NOT to be completed for *The Seventh Most Important Thing*.
- If you don't have the two-column notes, visit www.auburn.k12.ma.us, click on 'Schools,' then 'Auburn Middle School.' The PDF will be posted on the main page for you to print out and complete the assignment.
- Review the scoring checklist and be sure to follow all directions.

The two-column notes must include the following requirements:

1. **Title and Author**: COMPLETE TITLE AND AUTHOR of book must be spelled and capitalized correctly.
2. **Genre**: SPECIFIC GENRE of book must be identified. (Refer to summer reading book list.) Student must provide a definition of that specific genre.
3. **Setting**: SETTING must include a description of WHERE and WHEN the book takes place. It is acceptable to identify the time period as "present day" if it is not specified in the book.
*Please note: The city on the copyright page (where the book was published) is NOT the setting.
4. **Character**: CHARACTERS should include the MAIN CHARACTER(S) and the names of OTHER CHARACTERS. The main character may be the one who tells the story. A main character should be featured the most throughout the book. Characters who do not appear throughout the book should be listed as other characters.

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5. **Conflict**: CONFLICT is a description of the main problem experienced by the main character throughout this book. This should be written in complete sentences. The conflict is not one specific event in the book. The conflict is the main character's struggle throughout the whole story.
6. **Resolution**: RESOLUTION is a description of how the conflict (problem) of the main character is resolved (solved). The resolution is the outcome of the story, so it is possible that the conflict remains unresolved. You should describe the ending of the story in your book.
7. **Summary**: Write a short SUMMARY of the book in your own words. Summarizing the story means retelling the most important parts of the story while leaving out most details.
*You must write the summary in your own words. Do NOT copy from the book cover or online.
8. **Quote**: FAVORITE QUOTE should be copied directly from the book with quotation marks around it. The page number should be included. Write an explanation of why you chose this quote.
9. **Conventions**: There should be no errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar.