

8th Grade Reading List 2022-2023

Novels

“A Christmas Carol” - Charles Dickens
“The Outsiders” - SE Hinton
“The Witch of Blackbird Pond” - Elizabeth George Speare
“Wonder” - R.J. Palacio

Plays

“The Diary of Anne Frank”
“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

Poems

“Annabel Lee” - Edgar Allen Poe
“beware: do not read this poem” - Ishmael Read (HMH)
from “Fortune’s Bones” (HMH)
“Frankenstein” - Edward Field (HMH)
“I Saw Old General at Bay” (HMH)
“Life Ain’t Been No Crystal Stair” - Langston Hughes
“Not my Bones” (HMH)
“Refugee Blues” - WH Auden
“The Hollow” - Kelly Deschler (HMH)
“The Raven” - Edgar Allen Poe

Short Stories/Excerpts/Articles

“A Common Bond” - Brooke Hauser (HMH)
“A Holiday Trifle” - Marlana Spieler
“A Little Common Courtesy, Please” (STAAR 2016)
“A Ribbon for Baldy” (STAAR 2015)
“Adventuring on the Nile” (STAAR 2018)
“After Auschwitz” (HMH)
“All Summer in a Day” - Ray Bradbury (CommonLIT)
“An Army of Stones” - Paul G Bahn (HMH)
“An Unexpected Trip” (ReadWorks)
“Auschwitz” (CommonLIT)
“Billie Eilish: Gen Z’s Outrageous Fashion Role Model” (NYT)
from “Bloody Times: The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Manhunt for Jefferson Davis” (HMH online)
“Can Writers Predict the Future” (STAAR 2015)
“Children of Rwanda” - Reverend Francois Murenzi
“Constructing a Monument: Stonehenge” (STAAR 2014)

“Finally Home” (STAAR 2014)
“Have I Been Here Before?” (STAAR 2016)
“Homemade Hot Sauce” (STAAR 2018)
“I Kept On Walking” - Mark Hayward
“It’s Going to Rain” - Valdemar Kalinin
“Life in Industrial Towns” - C N Trueman
“Marigolds” - Eugenia Collier (HMH)
“Rudy Rides the Rails” - Dandi Mackall
“Sister of Stonehenge” (STAAR 2014)
“Some Devices Recognize Your Face. Is That a Good Thing?” - Kathryn Hulick
“Starting From Scratch” (STAAR 2018)
“Talking to Technology” (STAAR 2018)
“Tell Tale Heart” - Edgar Allen Poe (HMH)
“The 1932 Bonus Army march on DC” (NewsELA)
“The Butterfly” - Pavel Friedmann
“The Life of a U.S. Industrial Worker” (CommonLIT)
“The Photograph” (STAAR 2017)
“The Salem Witch Trials” (NewsELA)
From “The View from Saturday” E.L. Konigsburg (STAAR 2016)
“Thumbprint” (STAAR 2014)
“Warming climate making sea turtles almost all girls” (NewsELA)
“When Are You Really an Adult?” (NYT)
“Why I Love a Country That Once Betrayed Me” (NewsELA)