

*The Sharon Academy*  
**Middle School Reading List**  
**Summer 2009**

You will read three books this summer. One of these three will be from the list of required books below. Choose *one* of the four books below and be prepared to discuss your book in a small group at the August workshop days. ***We have a few copies of these books at the middle school to borrow.***

**The Giver**, by Lois Lowry

Jonas lives in a perfect world, where everyone is assigned a role in the community. When he turns twelve, he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver, who holds all the memories of the pain and pleasure of life. Jonas receives the truth about life and will have to make a difficult choice. A Newbery Award book.

**Treasure Island**, by Robert Louis Stevenson

Climb aboard for the swashbuckling adventure of a lifetime. *Treasure Island*, with its dastardly plot and motley crew of rogues and villains, has enthralled (and caused slight seasickness) for decades. The names Long John Silver and Jim Hawkins are destined to remain pieces of folklore in this timeless classic.

**Ender's Game**, by Orson Scott Card

Intense is the word for Ender's Game. Aliens have attacked Earth twice and almost destroyed the human species. To make sure humans win the next encounter, the world government has taken to breeding military geniuses and then training them in the arts of war. The early training, not surprisingly, takes the form of 'games' Ender Wiggin is a genius among geniuses; he wins all the games He is smart enough to know that time is running out. Is he smart enough to save the planet?

**The Uglies**, by Scott Westerfeld

Tally Youngblood lives in a futuristic society where sixteen year-olds undergo an operation that will change them into "pretties." Tally meets Shay, who disdains the false values of the society and urges Tally to defect with her to a settlement of conscientious objectors. Tally declines, but then Shay is found missing and Tally is coerced by the cruel Dr. Cable to find her or remain forever "ugly." Tally's adventuresome spirit helps her locate Shay. It also attracts the eye of David, the youthful rebel leader to whose attentions Tally warms. However, she knows she is living a lie, for she is a spy who wears an eye-activated locator pendant that threatens to blow the rebels' cover.

Next, choose two books to read from the following lists (or from any of the authors of those books). Please prepare a response for both of the books you have read. See the last page of this handout for the possible response methods you may use. These are due on the first day of school, in language arts class. These responses will be graded.

## FANTASY

**Addams.** *Watership Down*  
**Barron.** *Lost Years of Merlin*  
**Bray.** *A Great and Terrible Beauty*  
**Eddings.** *Pawn of Prophecy*  
**Anthony.** *Centaur Aisle*  
**Clement-Davies.** *Fire Bringer*  
**Connolly.** *The Book of Lost Things* (Alex Award)  
**Constable.** *Singer of All Songs*  
**Cooper.** *The Dark is Rising*  
**Feist.** *Magician's Apprentice*  
**Funke.** *The Thief Lord / Inkheart*  
**Gaiman.** *Anansi Boys*  
**Hearn.** *Across the Nightingale Floor*  
**Hunter.** *Warriors* (series)  
**Martin.** *Storm of Swords*  
**LeGuin.** *Wizard of Earthsea*  
**Lewis.** *Chronicles of Narnia*  
**Martin.** *Storm of Swords*  
**McCaffrey.** *Dragonsong*  
**McKinley.** *Deerskin*

**Meyer.** *Twilight*  
**Nix.** *Sabriel*  
**Paolini.** *Eragon & Eldest*  
**Pattou.** *East*  
**Pierce.** *Trickster's Choice*  
**Pratchett.** *The Wee Free Men*  
**Pullman.** *The Golden Compass*  
**Riordan.** *Lightning Thief*  
**Rowling.** *Harry Potter*  
**Jacques.** *Mossflower*  
**Sage.** *Magyk*  
**Snicket.** *Series of Impossible Events*  
**Stewart.** *The Crystal Cave*  
**Stroud.** *Bartimaeus Trilogy*  
**Tolan.** *Welcome to the Ark*  
**Tolkien.** *The Hobbit*  
**Turner.** *The King of Attolia* (ALA Top 10)  
**Vanderveld.** *Knight's Apprentice*  
**Vonnegut.** *Cat's Cradle*  
**Yolen.** *Dragon's Blood*  
**Zevin.** *Elsewhere*

## SCIENCE FICTION

**Adams.** *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*  
**Anderson.** *Feed*  
**Asimov.** *Foundation*  
**Bradbury.** *Fahrenheit 451*  
**Brunner.** *Shockwave Rider*  
**Card.** *Ender's Game / 7th Sun*  
**Chabon.** *Summerland*  
**Colfer.** *Artemis Fowl*  
**Crichton.** *Jurassic Park*  
**DePrau.** *City of Ember*  
**Farmer.** *The House of the Scorpion*

**Larbalestier.** *Magic or Madness*  
**LeGuin.** *Wizard of Earthsea*  
**L'Engle.** *A Wrinkle in Time*  
**Murphy.** *Night Flying*  
**Oppel.** *Airborn / Skybreaker*  
**Slade.** *Dust*  
**Sleator.** *Beasties*  
**Verne.** *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*  
**Vizinni.** *Be More Chill*  
**Wells.** *The War of the Worlds*  
**Westerfield.** *Uglies / Peeps*

## Historical Fiction

### EARLY EUROPE, COLONIAL AMERICA

**Anderson.** *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation* (**Printz Honor & ALA Top 10**)

**Avi.** *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

**Achebe.** *Things Fall Apart*

**Blackwood.** *Shakespeare Stealer*

**Bradley.** *The Mists of Avalon*

**Brooks.** *Year of Wonders*

**Crichton.** *Timeline*

**Collier.** *My Brother Sam Is Dead*

**Cross.** *Pope Joan*

**Gregory.** *The Other Boleyn Girl*

**Levitin.** *The Cure*

**Morressy.** *The Juggler*

**Napoli.** *Breath*

**Rinaldi.** *A Break With Charity, Salem Witch Trials*

**Renault.** *The King Must Die*

**Smith.** *I Capture the Castle*

**Yolen.** *Sword of the Rightful King: Arthur*

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### 19TH CENTURY

**Alcott.** *Little Women*

**Austen.** *Pride and Prejudice*

**Avi.** *The Barn*

**Brontë, C.** *Jane Eyre*

**Brontë, E.** *Wuthering Heights*

**Chevalier.** *Girl With a Pearl Earring*

**Crane.** *The Red Badge of Courage*

**Dumas.** *Three Musketeers*

**Frazier.** *Cold Mountain*

**Gratz.** *Samurai Shortstop* (**ALA Top 10**)

**Haley.** *Roots*

**Hesse.** *Stowaway*

**Lester.** *Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue (slavery)*

### 19TH CENTURY (continued)

**Twain.** *Tom Sawyer*

**Wharton.** *Ethan Frome*

### WORLD WAR II

**Chambers.** *Postcards from No Man's Land*

**Courtney.** *The Power of One*

**Elliott.** *Under the War Torn Sky*

**Heller.** *Catch-22*

**Helperin.** *Soldier of the Great War*

**Knowles.** *A Separate Peace*

**Magorian.** *Goodnight, Mr. Tom*

**Mazer, H..** *The Last Mission*

**Mazer, N..** *Good Night, Maman*

**Mishima.** *The Sound of Waves*

**Napoli.** *Stones in the Water*

**Park.** *When My Name Was Keoko: A Novel of Korea*

**Nelson.** *And One For All*

**Nolan.** *If I Should Die Before I Wake*

**Spinelli.** *Milkweed*

**Spiegelman.** *Maus I / Maus II*

**Weiss.** *The Upstairs Room*

**Pullman.** *The Ruby and the Smoke*

**Yolen.** *The Devil's Arithmetic*

**Zusak.** *The Book Thief* (**Printz Honor & ALA Top 10**)

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### 20TH CENTURY LIFE & CONFLICT

**Adichie.** *Purple Hibiscus*

**Alvarez.** *In the Time of the Butterflies*

**Cheech.** *Walk Two Moons*

**Crowe.** *Mississippi Trial, 1955*

**Duncan, D.** *The Brothers K*

**Gibbons.** *Ellen Foster*

**Gorman.** *The Stumptown Kid*

**Hemingway.** *The Old Man and the Sea*

**Hosseini.** *The Kite Runner*

<b>Meyer.</b> <i>Bloody Jack</i>	<b>Kidd.</b> <i>Secret Life of Bees</i>
<b>Crichton.</b> <i>The Great Train Robbery</i>	<b>King.</b> <i>The Beekeeper's Apprentice</i>
<b>Dickens.</b> <i>Oliver Twist</i>	<b>Kingsolver.</b> <i>Poisonwood Bible</i>
<b>Doyle.</b> <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	<b>McCullers.</b> <i>Member of the Wedding</i>
<b>du Maurier.</b> <i>Rebecca</i>	<b>Mosher.</b> <i>Looking for Teddy Williams</i>
<b>Farmer.</b> <i>A Girl Named Disaster</i>	<b>Myers.</b> <i>Fallen Angels (Vietnam)</i>
<b>Giblin.</b> <i>Good Brother - Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth</i>	<b>Paterson.</b> <i>Preacher's Boy</i>
<b>Gold.</b> <i>Carter Beats the Devil</i>	<b>Peck.</b> <i>A Day No Pigs Would Die</i>
<b>Montgomery.</b> <i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	<b>Picoult.</b> <i>A Second Glance</i>
<b>Napoli.</b> <i>Bound (China)</i>	<b>Potok.</b> <i>The Chosen</i>
<b>Napoli.</b> <i>The King of Mulberry Street</i>	<b>Salinger.</b> <i>Catcher in the Rye</i>
<b>Park.</b> <i>A Single Shard (Korea)</i>	<b>Smith.</b> <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
<b>Pearsall.</b> <i>Crooked River</i>	<b>Steinbeck.</b> <i>Grapes of Wrath / Red Pony</i>
<b>Rawlings.</b> <i>The Yearling</i>	<b>Taylor.</b> <i>The Land</i>
<b>Sayers.</b> <i>Gaudy Night</i>	<b>Thornton.</b> <i>Our Town</i>
<b>Shaara.</b> <i>The Killer Angels</i>	<b>Watkins.</b> <i>Far from the Bamboo Grove</i>
<b>Stevenson.</b> <i>Treasure Island</i>	<b>Whelan.</b> <i>Listening for Lions</i>
<b>Stowe.</b> <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	<b>Wright.</b> <i>Native Son</i>

## Modern Realistic Fiction

<b>Alvarez.</b> <i>Before We Were Free</i>	<b>Lawrence.</b> <i>The Lightkeeper's Daughter</i>
<b>Anderson, L.</b> <i>Speak / Catalyst</i>	<b>Levenkron.</b> <i>The Luckiest Girl in the World</i>
<b>Atkins.</b> <i>When Jeff Comes Home</i>	<b>Levithan.</b> <i>Boy Meets Boy</i>
<b>Blackwell.</b> <i>Noughts and Crosses</i>	<b>Ludlum.</b> <i>The Bourne Identity</i>
<b>Braff.</b> <i>The Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green</i>	<b>Lupica.</b> <i>Travel Team</i>
<b>Brashares.</b> <i>The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants</i>	<b>Lynch.</b> <i>The Highest Tide</i>
<b>Brooks, K.</b> <i>Lucas: A Story of Love and Hate</i>	<b>Marchetta.</b> <i>Saving Francesca</i>
<b>Brown.</b> <i>Angels &amp; Demons / Da Vinci Code</i>	<b>Martell.</b> <i>Life of Pi</i>
<b>Buckhanon.</b> <i>Upstate</i>	<b>McCormick.</b> <i>Sold (ALA Top 10)</i>
<b>Chbosky.</b> <i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	<b>McDonald.</b> <i>Swallowing Stones</i>
<b>Choldenko.</b> <i>Al Capone Does My Shirts</i>	<b>McNeal.</b> <i>Crooked</i>
<b>Christie.</b> <i>And Then There Were None</i>	<b>Meyer.</b> <i>Twilight: A Novel</i>
<b>Cisneros.</b> <i>House on Mango Street</i>	<b>Mikaelsen.</b> <i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>
<b>Clancy.</b> <i>Hunt for Red October</i>	<b>Mori.</b> <i>Shizuko's Daughter</i>
<b>Clements.</b> <i>Things Not Seen</i>	<b>Moriarty.</b> <i>Feeling Sorry for Celia</i>
<b>Cook.</b> <i>Outbreak</i>	<b>Morpurgo.</b> <i>Private Peaceful</i>
<b>Cooney.</b> <i>Driver's Ed</i>	<b>Mosher.</b> <i>Zazoo</i>
	<b>Murrow.</b> <i>Twelve Days in August</i>

<p><b>Cormier.</b> <i>The Rag and Bone Shop</i>  <b>Crutcher.</b> <i>Whale Talk</i></p>	<p><b>Myers.</b> <i>Monster / Scorpions</i></p>
<p><b>Curtis.</b> <i>Bucking the Sarge</i>  <b>Cussler.</b> <i>Park Watch</i>  <b>Dessen.</b> <i>The Lullaby</i>  <b>Doig</b> <i>The Whistling Season</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Draper.</b> <i>Forged By Fire</i>  <b>Duncan, D.</b> <i>The Brothers K</i>  <b>Duncan, L.</b> <i>Stranger With My Face</i>  <b>Flake.</b> <i>Beggin' for Change</i>  <b>Fleischman.</b> <i>Breakout</i>  <b>Flinn .</b> <i>Breathing Under Water</i>  <b>Frost.</b> <i>Keesha's House</i>  <b>Giles.</b> <i>Shattering Glass</i>  <b>Going.</b> <i>Fat Kid Rules the World</i>  <b>Golding.</b> <i>Lord of the Flies</i></p>	<p><b>Na.</b> <i>A Step from Heaven</i>  <b>Naidoo.</b> <i>The Other Side of Truth</i>  <b>Nolan.</b> <i>If I Should Die Before I Wake</i>  <b>Oates.</b> <i>Big Mouth and Ugly Girl</i>  <b>Paterson.</b> <i>Same Stuff As Stars</i>  <b>Paulsen.</b> <i>Hatchet / Tracker</i>  <b>Picoult.</b> <i>My Sister's Keeper / 19 Minutes</i>  <b>Plum-Ucci.</b> <i>Whatever Happened to Lani Garver</i>  <b>Rapp.</b> <i>Under the Wolf, Under the Dog</i>  <b>Rash</b> <i>The World Made Straight</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Rennison.</b> <i>Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging</i>  <b>Robinson.</b> <i>U.S.S. Seawolf</i>  <b>Rosoff.</b> <i>how i live now</i>  <b>Roth.</b> <i>Avalanche</i></p>
<p><b>Green.</b> <i>An Abundance of Katherines</i> (<b><u>Printz Honor</u></b>)  <b>Green.</b> <i>Looking for Alaska</i> ('06 <b>Printz Award</b>)  <b>Greene.</b> <i>The Drowning of Stephan Jones</i>  <b>Grisham.</b> <i>Street Lawyer / Bleachers</i>  <b>Gruen.</b> <i>Water for Elephants</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Haddix.</b> <i>Among the Hidden</i>  <b>Haddon.</b> <i>Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>  <b>Hahn .</b> <i>The Old Willis Place</i>  <b>Hamamura.</b> <i>Color of the Sea</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Hartinger.</b> <i>Geography Club</i>  <b>Hartnett.</b> <i>Surrender</i> (<b><u>Printz Honor &amp; ALA Top 10</u></b>)  <b>Hautman.</b> <i>Godless</i>  <b>Hiaasen, Carl.</b> <i>Hoot / Flush</i>  <b>Hidier.</b> <i>Born Confused</i>  <b>Hinton.</b> <i>The Outsiders</i>  <b>Horowitz.</b> <i>Stormbreaker / Raven's Gate</i>  <b>Hosseini.</b> <i>Kite Runner</i>  <b>Hurwin.</b> <i>A Time for Dancing</i>  <b>Iverson.</b> <i>Only the Strong Survive</i>  <b>Jenkins.</b> <i>Out of Order</i>  <b>Joern.</b> <i>Floor of the Sky</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Johnson.</b> <i>The First Last Part</i>  <b>Klass .</b> <i>You Don't Know Me</i>  <b>Konigsburg.</b> <i>The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place</i>  <b>Korman.</b> <i>Son of the Mob</i></p>	<p><b>Sachar.</b> <i>Holes</i>  <b>Saenz.</b> <i>Sammy and Juliana in Hollywood</i>  <b>Sayres.</b> <i>Anahita's Woven Riddle</i> (<b><u>ALA Top 10</u></b>)  <b>Sebold.</b> <i>The Lovely Bones</i>  <b>Setterfield</b> <i>The Thirteenth Tale</i> (<b><u>Alex Award</u></b>)  <b>Shea.</b> <i>Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story</i>  <b>Smelcer</b> <i>The Trap</i> (<b><u>ALA Top 10</u></b>)  <b>Schmidt.</b> <i>Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy</i>  <b>Scoppetone.</b> <i>Trying Hard to Hear You</i>  <b>Spinelli.</b> <i>Stargirl</i>  <b>Stratton.</b> <i>Chanda's Secrets</i>  <b>Thompson.</b> <i>Blankets: An Illustrated Novel</i>  <b>Tolan.</b> <i>Me and Hank</i>  <b>Townsend.</b> <i>Secret Diary of Adrian Mole</i>  <b>Trueman.</b> <i>Stuck in Neutral</i>  <b>Vaughan.</b> <i>Runaways: Volume 1</i>  <b>Weeks.</b> <i>So B It: A Novel</i>  <b>Whelan.</b> <i>Homeless Bird</i>  <b>White.</b> <i>Deathwatch</i>  <b>Wilhelm.</b> <i>The Revealers</i>  <b>Williams.</b> <i>When Kambia Elaine Flew In From Neptune</i>  <b>Williams-Garcia.</b> <i>Every Time a Rainbow Dies</i>  <b>Wolff.</b> <i>Make Lemonade / True Believer</i>  <b>Wooding.</b> <i>Poison</i>  <b>Woodson.</b> <i>Locomotion</i>  <b>Yang.</b> <i>American Born Chinese</i> (<b><u>Printz Award &amp;</u></b>)</p>

**Lanagan.** *Black Juice*  
**Lewis.** *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game*  
**(Alex Award)**  
**Lawrence.** *B for Buster*

**ALA Top 10)**  
**Zusak.** *I am the Messenger*

## Non-Fiction

### HISTORY AND SOCIAL STRUGGLES

**Atkin.** *Voices from the Streets*  
**Bartoletti.** *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow*  
**Beah.** *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*  
**Brown.** *Manchild in the Promised Land*  
**Cheng.** *Bound Feet and Western Dress*  
**Crowe.** *Getting Away with Murder: The Emmett Till Case*  
**DuBois.** *The Souls of Black Folk*  
**Ehrenreich.** *Nickel and Dime*  
**Frank.** *Diary of a Young Girl*  
**Griffith.** *Black Like Me*  
**Jiang.** *Red Scarf Girl*  
**Jones .** *Our America*  
**Kozol.** *Amazing Grace*

**Lester.** *To Be A Slave*  
**Mah.** *Chinese Cinderella*  
**Mathabane .** *Kaffir Boy*  
**Malcolm X .** *Autobiography of Malcolm X*  
**McCourt.** *Angela's Ashes*  
**McPherson.** *Fields of Fury: The American Civil War*  
**Mellon.** *Bullwhip Days: Slave Narratives*  
**Moody.** *Coming of Age in Mississippi*  
**Murphy.** *American Plague: Yellow Fever Epidemic*  
**Nelson.** *A Wreath for Emmett Till*  
**Opdyke.** *In My Hands: Memories*  
**Satrapi.** *Persepolis*  
**Williams.** *Eyes on the Prize*

### SPORTS

**Armstrong.** *It's Not About the Bike*  
**Bissinger.** *Friday Night Lights*  
**Blais.** *In These Girls, Hope Is a Muscle*  
**Colton.** *Counting Coup*  
**Paulsen.** *How Angel Peterson Got His Name*  
*(Stories of Extreme Sports)*

### NATURE & SURVIVAL

**Bookreev.** *The Climb*  
**Bryson.** *A Walk in the Woods*  
**Carson.** *Silent Spring*  
**Hoose.** *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird*  
**Junger.** *The Perfect Storm*  
**Krakauer.** *Into Thin Air*  
**Lansing.** *Endurance*  
**Philbrick.** *In The Heart of the Sea*  
**Raskowitz.** *The Long Walk*  
**Simpson.** *Touching the Void*

## UNIQUE PEOPLE & CULTURES

**Akbar & Burton, Susan.** *Come Back to Afghanistan: A California Teenager's Story*

**Bolden.** *Wake Up Our Souls: Black American Artists*

**Charrier.** *Papillon*

**Copland.** *What to Listen For in Music*

**Curie.** *Madam Curie: a Biography*

**Fleischman.** *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science*

**Grandin.** *Emergence from Autism / Animals in Translation*

**Partridge.** *John Lennon: All I Want Is The Truth, A Photographic Biography*

**Petroski.** *Invention by Design*

**Runyon, Brent.** *The Burn Journals*

## Responses

Please write a one-paragraph summary for one of your choice books. Include information about the characters, setting, main themes and plot. Please be sure your summary is long enough to give an idea of what the book is about, but is also concise and to the point.

For your second book, please choose **one** of the following responses:

- 1.) Imagine you are the main character in the book you read. Write three journal entries, one towards the beginning of the book, one during the middle and one towards the end. This is a “specialized” journal. Your purpose will be to write about specific events or experiences and to explore your thoughts and feelings about these events. As the main character of the story, describe what is happening to you and your feelings about what is happening.
- 2.) Imagine you are a news reporter. Write a newspaper article based on an imaginary interview you had with the main character. Begin your story with an attention getting headline and a strong opening. Put the important answers to the 5 W’s and H questions (who, what, where, when, why and how) in the opening sentence of the story. State your facts clearly, describing who did what to whom, when things happened and how they happened.
- 3.) Make a collage that might be found hanging in the bedroom of one of the main characters. Write a brief explanation of each of the items you selected to put in your collage. Be prepared to discuss your work.
- 4.) Write a poem, song or chant that expresses one or more of the main character’s feelings. If you like, record yourself performing your work.
- 5.) Draw a timeline of the book, complete with illustrations and commentaries about each event on the timeline.
- 6.) Write letters that two of the characters might have written to one another about what was happening in their lives.
- 7.) Create an original board game based on the book.
- 8.) Write and illustrate a picture book based on the characters and events.
- 9.) Illustrate your story as a poster or book cover. You must include information about the setting, the main characters, the plot, the themes and what you learned from the story or why you liked or disliked it.