

St. Martin of Tours School  
REQUIRED SUMMER READING  
FOR GRADE 8

Required Reading



Farewell to Manzanar  
By Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston

The DAR essay topic for this year is the National Parks

Students MUST read:

Guide to the National Parks of the United States by National Geographic

Students should choose five (5) national parks and write a summary of their history and important facts about them. Students should also include important features of the parks, areas of interest and what characterizes each one.

**Other Suggested Reading**

Isaac Asimov  
Ernest Hemingway  
Rod Serling (teleplays)  
Charles Dickens  
Mark Twain  
Edgar Allen Poe  
A Woman Called Moses  
Abe Lincoln Grows Up  
Call of the Wild

Anne Frank  
Rudyard Kipling  
O. Henry (short stories)  
Ray Bradbury  
Washington Irving  
Isaac Bashevis Singer  
Red Pony  
Last of the Mohicans  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry

Jack London  
C. S. Lewis  
Gary Soto  
James Ullman  
John Steinbeck  
James Berry  
Let the Circle be Unbroken  
The Acorn People  
Out of the Dust

The Red Badge of Courage  
The Upstairs Room  
The Endless Steppe  
Witch of Blackbird Pond  
Johnny Tremain  
The Phantom Tollbooth  
Jacob Have I Loved

The War of the Worlds  
Julie of the Wolves  
Number the Stars  
The Westing Game  
The Time Machine  
The Hound of the Baskervilles  
Sounder

The Summer of My German  
Soldier  
Where the Red Fern Grows  
Treasure Island  
20,000 Leagues Under the  
Sea

### **Classics**

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie  
The Children of Green Knowe by L.M.  
Boston  
The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson  
Burnett  
The Golden Fleece by Padraic Colum

The Call of the Wild by Jack London  
Anne of Green Gables by L. M.  
Montgomery  
The Enchanted Castle by E. Nesbit  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis  
Stevenson  
Mary Poppins series by P. L. Travers

### **Non-Fiction**

Wicked History Biography series  
“Up Close” Biography series  
Guinea Pig Scientists by Leslie Dandy  
Left for Dead by Pete Nelson

Chew On This by Eric Schlosser  
Two Miserable Presidents by Steve  
Sheinkin

### **Historical Fiction**

Crispin by Avi  
The Printer’s Devil by Paul Bajoria  
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul  
Curtis  
Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen  
Cushman

Pirates Passage by William Gilkerson  
Samurai Shortstop by Alan Gratz  
Montmorency: Thief, Liar, Gentleman?  
By Eleanor Updale

### **Sci-Fi**

Incarceron by Catherine Fisher  
Epic by Conor Kostick  
A Crack in the Line by Michael  
Lawrence

Airborn series by Kenneth Oppel  
Maximum Ride series by James  
Patterson  
The Uglies Trilogy by Scott Westerfeld