

**CAMPUSES:** Boerne Middle School North, Boerne Middle School South, and Voss Middle School

**COURSES:** ELAR 7 Honors AND ELAR 8 Honors



## RISING 7TH AND 8TH ELAR HONORS READING ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE

Boerne ISD believes that the key to being a great reader is to read extensively, and the key to being a great writer is through exposure to great writing. Reading is not solely reserved for the school year; life-long learning stems from becoming a life-long reader. Summer provides time to enjoy uninterrupted reading that allows students to absorb and contemplate ideas from their reading experience in preparation for beginning-of-the-school-year literary discussions. Summer reading and the subsequent in-class assignments give students a strong foundation to build upon as they move through the Honors/AP English Language Arts program. **It is the responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to make the appropriate selection when students are asked to self-select texts for independent reading.** ELAR Secondary Coordinator: Jayne M. Burton [Jayne.Burton@boerneisd.net](mailto:Jayne.Burton@boerneisd.net)

### ASSIGNMENT

Please plan to purchase a **PRINT** copy of the book from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or other booksellers. You will be expected to bring your annotated **PRINT** version of the novel to class on the first day of the school year.

Choose one of the works on the list for the course you will be in next school year that you have **NOT** read before and read it — this might entail doing some research online, first, about the title. As such, we encourage you to choose a book you are comfortable with and to have conversations at home, between you and your parents/guardians, about your selection.

While reading you should annotate your novel, as you see fit; there will be an assignment during the first week of school where the annotations will be **VERY** helpful. Use this guide for your annotations:

### [AVID-Marking the Text Annotation Guide](#)

Rising 7th Grade Summer Reading Title Choices	Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Title Choices
<i>Brian's Winter</i> by Gary Paulsen <i>Dark Water Rising</i> by Marian Hale <i>The City of Ember</i> by Jeanne DuPrau <i>Dacey's Song</i> by Cynthia Voigt <i>Dogsong</i> by Gary Paulsen <i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i> by Jordan Sonneblick <i>Homecoming</i> by Cynthia Voigt <i>The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>The Schwa Was Here</i> by Neal Schusterman <i>Locomotion</i> by Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Bruiser</i> by Neal Shusterman <i>Code of Honor</i> by Alan Gratz <i>The Girl I Used to Be</i> by April Henry <i>Unwind</i> by Neal Shusterman <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> by Elizabeth George Speare <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> by Mark Twain <i>The Call of the Wild</i> by Jack London <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston <i>The Hobbit</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien

If you are a new student to Boerne ISD and do not complete the summer reading before the first day of school, August 10, 2022, teachers will make reasonable accommodations at that time so that you may finish your choice reading and annotations in order to complete the assignment associated with summer reading.

If you have questions about your summer reading, you may contact [Dr. Jayne Burton, Secondary ELAR Coordinator](#). Please understand, however, that over the summer, replies may be delayed.