

# MEADOWBROOK ACADEMY

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER READING



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Dear Middle School students & parents,

As we strive to ensure that your student has the best learning experience at Meadowbrook Academy, we want to inform you about our summer reading requirements. Studies clearly show that students who read over the summer are better prepared for the new school year and improve their overall reading comprehension.

These are the requirements for summer reading:

- Your child will read two age/grade level appropriate books from the list on the back.
- He/she will complete a typed, five-paragraph book report for each book.
- The student will then receive a 100% on a test grade for the two reports.
- All reports are due the first day of school.

Our goal at MBA is to encourage your child to read and to develop a life-long love of reading as they discover new books and genres that really interest them. We hope these summer reading requirements will help them along on that journey.

Sincerely,

Middle School English

## MBA Middle School Summer Reading List

<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>	Betty Smith
<i>A Land Remembered</i>	Patrick D. Smith (Florida History)
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> (series)	L.M. Montgomery
<i>Around the World in 80 days</i>	Jules Verne
<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zusak
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> (series)	C.S. Lewis
<i>Diary of Anne Frank</i>	Anne Frank
<i>The Door in The Wall</i>	Margueritte deAngeli
<i>The Giver</i> (series)	Lois Lowry
<i>Hatchet</i>	Garry Paulsen
<i>The Hobbit</i>	J.R.R. Tolkien
<i>The Hounds of Baskerville</i>	Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>Little Women</i> (series)	Louisa May Alcott
<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	William Golding
<i>Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life</i>	James Patterson
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Louis Lowry
<i>The Outsiders</i>	S. E. Hinton
<i>Pilgrims Progress</i>	John Bunyan
<i>Red Badge of Courage</i>	Stephen Crane
<i>Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry</i>	Mildred Taylor
<i>The Secret Garden</i>	Frances Hodgson Burnett
<i>The Story of My Life</i>	Helen Keller
<i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee
<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>War Horse</i>	Michael Morpurgo
<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>	Wilson Rawls
<i>White Fang</i>	Jack London
<i>The Yearling</i>	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (FL history)

## MBA Middle School Summer Reading Report Instructions

Instructions: How to write a 5-paragraph summer book report.

1. This will be a typed paper with your name, class, and date on the upper left corner.
2. Paragraph 1 is your introduction to the paper. The first sentence includes the title and the author of the book. The rest of the paragraph is the exposition.
3. Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 are the body of your paper. Include the rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution to the book.
4. Paragraph 5 is your summary to the report. Include whether you liked or disliked the book and why. What was your favorite part and least favorite part of the book? Why do you think this book was on the list? What is moral or lesson learned?

Plot Diagram

1. The *exposition* or the introduction introduces the characters, describes the setting and establishes the problem in the story.
2. The *rising action* is where the suspense builds, and the problem gets worse and becomes more complicated. There are often multiple steps or parts in the rising action.
3. The *climax* is the turning point in the story. It is usually the most exciting part in the story and the part that makes the reader want to keep reading.
4. The *falling action* is the events that happen after the climax that lead to a resolution or ending to the story.
5. The *resolution* is the outcome of the story. It is how things end up or turn out for the characters.