**FBISD Summer Reading List 2014**

**Eighth Grade**

**(Please check campus lists for specific instructions)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Contemporary** | **Contemporary** | **Contemporary** | **Classic** |
| *Buried Onions*  Gary Soto  When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican-American living in a violence--infested neighborhood of Fresno, California. | *Hunger Games*  Suzanne Collins  Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place in an annual televised survival competition pitting young people against one another;. | *\*The Other Side of the Sky*  Farah Ahmedi and  Timim Ansary  The victim of a land mine tells about her childhood in Afghanistan and discusses the challenges she has faced as a result of losing her leg, and in trying to adapt to living in the United States. | *King Arthur and His Knights of the*  *Round Table*  Roger Lancelyn Green  Retells the stories of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the quest for the Holy Grail, and Morgana le Fay |
| *\*Claudette Colvin:*  *Twice Toward Justice*  Phillip Hoose  Presents an account of 15 year old Claudette Colvin, an African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white woman on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, nine months before Rosa Parks, and covers her role in a crucial civil rights case. | *Romiette and Julio*  Sharon Draper  An African-American girl and a Latino boy fall in love after meeting on the Internet, but a gang who objects to their interracial dating harasses them. | *\*Three Cups of Tea*  *The Young Reader’s Edition*  Greg Mortenson and  David Relin  One man's journey to change the world-- one child at a time. | *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  Mark Twain  The adventures and pranks of a mischievous boy growing up in a 19th-century Mississippi River town as he plays hooky on an island, witnesses a crime, hunts for pirate's treasure, and becomes lost in a cave. |
| *\*Gifted Hands:*  *The Ben Carson Story*  Ben Carson and Cecil Murphy  Captures Dr. Ben Carson's fight to beat the odds, the secret behind his accomplishments as a pediatric neurosurgeon, and what drives him to take risks. | *Shabanu:Daughter of the Wind*  Suzanne Fisher Staples  In a year that brings a sandstorm, a feud with a rich landowner, and other disasters, the daughter of a nomad in the Pakistan desert, becomes a victim of her people's views of gender roles and marriage. | *Touching Spirit Bear*  Ben Mikaelsen  In order to avoid going to prison Cole agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the Native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a bear changes him. | **Students are required to read two selections from this list before entering eighth grade PreAP or GT classes. They will be assessed on summer reading within the first six weeks of school. These selections are recommended for all students.**  \* denotes nonfiction |

**To find a synopsis of these texts, see the FBISD online catalog and EBSCO – NoveList.**