



Summer Reading Assignment

8th Grade

Boyd-Moline Library Media Center
The First Academy

8th Grade American Biography List

Girls

1. *Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis: Friend of the Arts* by Beatrice Gormley (AR level 6.4/Points 4.0)
2. *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* by Russell Freedman (AR level 7.8/Points 6.0)
3. *Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross* by Augusta Stevenson (AR level 4.2/Points 3.0)
4. *DK Publishing: Amelia Earhart* by Tanya Lee Stone (AR level 7.4/Points 4.0)
5. *Harriet Tubman: Freedom's Trailblazer* by Kathleen Kudlinski (AR Level 4.1/Points 4.0)
6. *Marian Anderson* by Victoria Garrett Jones (AR level 9.3/Points 4.0)
7. *Condoleeza Rice: A Memoir of my Extraordinary, Ordinary Family and Me* by Condoleeza Rice (AR level 8.1/Pts 12.0)
8. *Laura Bush: America's First Lady* by Beatrice Gormley (AR Level 7.2/Points 4.0)
9. *Abigail Adams: Girl of Colonial Days* by Jean Brown Wagoner (AR level 4.2/ Points 3.0)
10. *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* By Jean Fritz (AR level 6.4/Points 3.0)

Boys

1. *The Great Little Madison* by Jean Frits (AR level 7.7/Points 6.0)
2. *Meet Abraham Lincoln* by Barbara Cary (AR level 3.7/Points 1.0)
3. *Teddy Roosevelt: Young Rough Rider* by Edd Winfield Parks (AR level 3.5/Points 3.0)
4. *Robert E Lee: Gallant Christian Soldier* by Lee Roddy (AR Level 5.0/Points 7.0)
5. *Thurgood Marshal: Young Justice* by Montrew Dunham (AR level 5.8/Points 4.0)
6. *John Glenn: Just the Facts Biographies* by Tom Streissguth (AR Level 6.4/Points 2.0)
7. *Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life* by David A. Adler (AR level 7.8/Points 6.0)
8. *Douglas MacArthur: What Greater Honor* by Janet Bengé (AR level 8.5/Points 8.0)
9. *Up Close: Robert F. Kennedy* by Marc Aronson (AR level 8.0/Points 6.0)
10. *Martin Luther King, Jr: Young Man with a Dream* by Dharathula H. Millender (AR level 6.7/Points 4.0)

ALL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE ON AMAZON.COM. SOME ARE AVAILABLE FOR KINDLE.

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment REQUIRED

Choose a biography from the attached list to read. Make sure it is WITHIN your AR level from 7th grade. If you are a new student and do not know your AR level, please choose the one you are most interested in.

Download or create a newspaper template (<http://newspapertemplate.net/newspaper-template-for-word/>). For pages, you may use any newsletter template.

See the attached example for instructions regarding the content of your newspaper/newsletter.

Students will be required to take the AR test on the biography they read before the end of the first week of school. The newsletter will be graded as a quiz grade.

Your American

MAKE A HEADLINE ABOUT A MAJOR EVENT IN YOUR AMERICAN'S LIFE- you may add a small photo if you wish

Write about the major event you chose to highlight

Full Name of your American

Write three paragraphs.

In the first paragraph, include birthdate, place of birth, family information, education and important events that impacted the life of your American.

In the second paragraph, describe their professional and adult life.

In the last paragraph, give information about what they are doing currently if still living or details of their final days.

CHARACTER

Describe how your American embodies part of the TFA mission statement: character before career, wisdom beyond knowledge, service before self and participation as a way of life.

Tree Map-8th Grade Your American Hero Summer Reading Assignment

Book: _____



Character
Before Career

Wisdom Beyond
Knowledge

Service Before
Self

Participation as
a Way of Life

Describe how your American Hero embodies the TFA mission statement.