



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2021

Middle School Reading Lists

Click on the title of the text(s) you want to read with your child. Be sure to be logged in to your CommonLit account so you can access every text! Happy reading.

FOLKTALES AND FABLES

- ["Emperor's New Clothes"](#) by Hans Christian Anderson
- ["Cinderella"](#) by Charles Perrault
- ["Snow White"](#) by The Brothers Grimm
- ["Rumpelstiltskin"](#) by The Brothers Grimm
- ["The Little Match Girl"](#) by Hans Christian Anderson
- ["Little Red Riding Hood"](#) by The Brothers Grimm

AFRICAN AMERICAN HEROES

- ["The Fastest Woman in the World"](#) by Pat Parker
- ["Jesse Owens"](#) by Shelby Ostergaard
- ["The Women of Hidden Figures"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["Tuskegee Airmen"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["The Legacy of Charles R. Drew"](#) by the CommonLit Staff

TEEN HEROES

- ["A Kenyan Teen's Discovery: Let There Be Lights to Save Lions"](#) by Nina Gregory
- ["Simone Biles"](#) by Marty Kaminsky
- ["Marley Dias: The 13-Year-Old Author Who Made a Difference"](#) by Barrett Smith
- ["Girls of the Crescent: Meet the Two Teenagers Fighting for Better Representation in Books"](#) by Girls of the Crescent
- ["Malala Yousafzai's Address to the United Nations, July 2013"](#) by Malala Yousafzai
- ["A Princess Who Can Tune an Engine"](#) by Rosi Hollinbeck



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CULTURAL ICONS

- ["Duke Ellington"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["Louis Armstrong"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["Lin-Manuel Miranda"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["Frida Kahlo"](#) by Jessica McBirney
- ["Salvador Dalí"](#) by Jessica McBirney

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

- ["Alaska Accelerates Indoor Agriculture"](#) by Emily Schwing
- ["A Kenyan Teen's Discovery: Let There Be Lights to Save Lions"](#) by Nina Gregory
- ["These Teens Have Some Ideas for Stopping Climate Change"](#) by Bethany Brookshire
- ["Cutting the Cords: How Wireless Charging Will Keep Toxic Waste out of Landfills"](#) by Brian Clark Howard
- ["Maldives Builds Barriers to Global Warming"](#) by Jon Hamilton at NPR

FAMILY & FRIENDSHIP

- ["Amigo Brothers"](#) by Piri Thomas
- ["Sometimes a Dream Needs A Push"](#) by Walter Dean Myers
- ["Soccer Speaks Many Languages"](#) by Dianna Greers
- ["The Fan Club"](#) by Rona Maynard