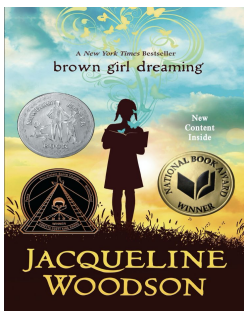


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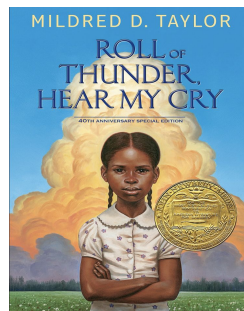
Through hands-on learning experiences, classroom discussions, and written reflection we pose a challenge to our 8th graders--Discover What You are Made of! This thematic unit crosses between classes, giving students the opportunities to consider what sparks their curiosity and to uncover the passions that make them who they are. We are kick-starting this conversation with our Summer Community Novel selections. We're asking that each student select **one of the following community novels**. These community novels are designed to allow students to begin their year by connecting with other students in their class as they discuss their selected book. Students should be prepared to participate in a project for the grade level thematic novel during the first two weeks of school. Then students should select **one book from the free-choice list**. While reading the free-choice book, students should answer two questions (listed on page 4) about the book and submit the answers to their Language Arts teacher no later than Friday, August 12th. Each answer must be at least 300 typed or handwritten words.

Community Novel Choices (Select One)

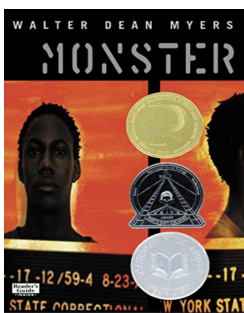
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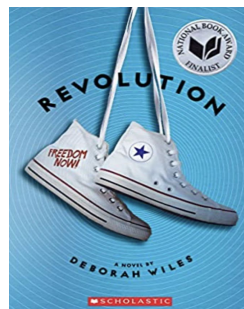
**Brown Girl
Dreaming**
by
Jacqueline
Woodson*



**Roll of
Thunder
Hear My Cry**
by Mildred
D. Taylor



Monster
by Walter
Dean
Myers*



Revolution by
Deborah
Wiles*



Note: While all books are written for middle grades and are appropriate for our readers, there may be scenes that prompt family conversation. We encourage you to use resources such as CommonSenseMedia.com to learn more about your student's selected novels.

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Free Choice Novels
(Select One Book That You Have Never Read)

Nonfiction

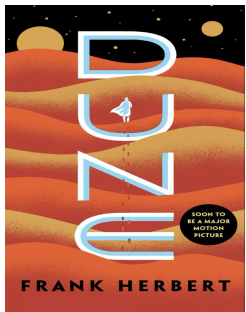
Fantasy and Science Fiction



The Kingdom of Back by Marie Lu*



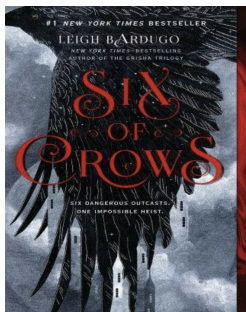
The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman*



Dune by Frank Herbert*



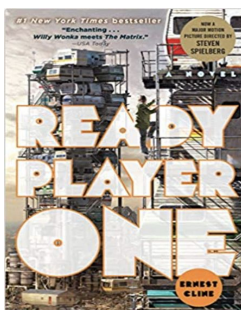
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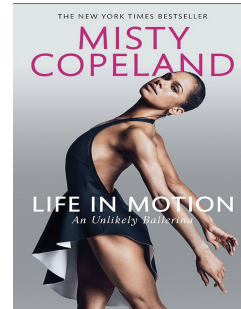
Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo*



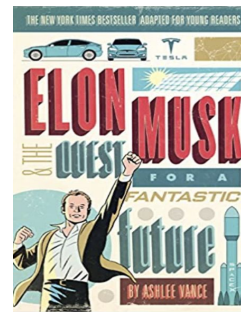
Renegades by Marissa Meyer



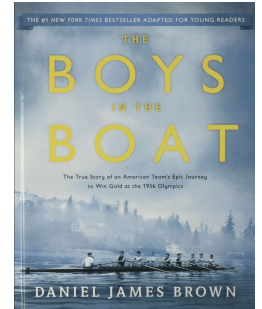
Ready Player One by Ernest Cline*



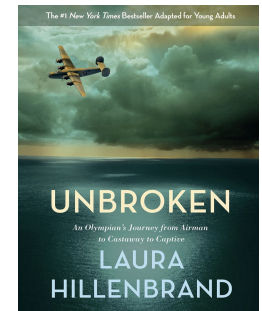
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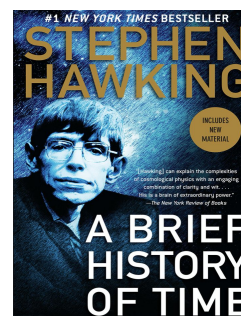
Elon Musk and the Quest: Young Reader's Edition by Ashlee Vance*



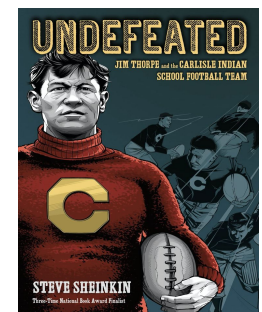
The Boys on the Boat: Young Reader's Edition by Daniel James Brown*



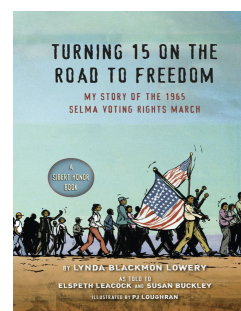
Unbroken: Young Readers Edition by Laura Hillenbrand*



A Brief History of Time by Stephen Hawking*



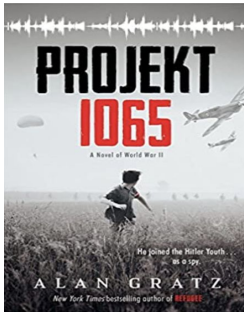
Undeclared by Steve Sheinkin*



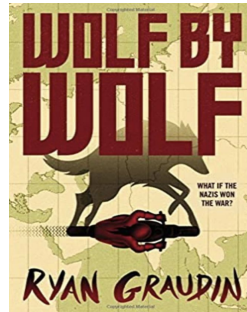
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March by Lynda Blackmon Lowery*

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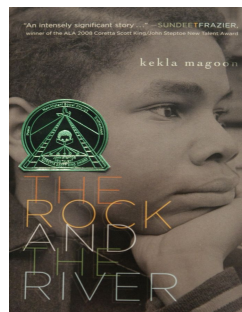
Historical Fiction



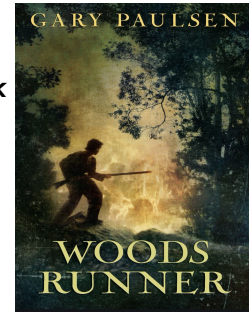
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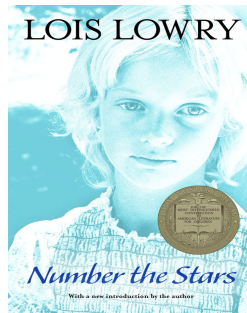
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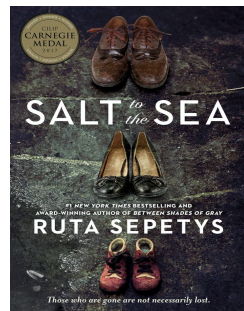
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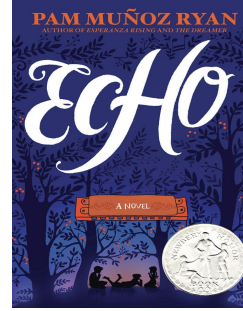
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Runner by
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**Number the
Stars by Lois
Lowry***

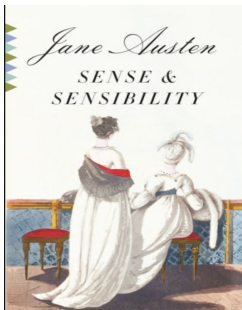


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by Ruta
Sepetys***

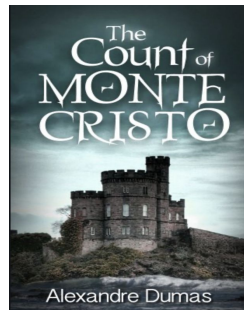


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Munoz Ryan**

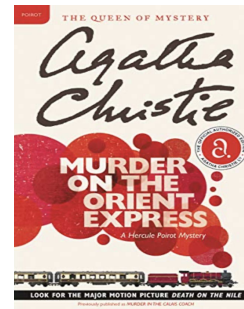
Classic



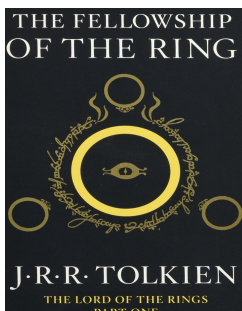
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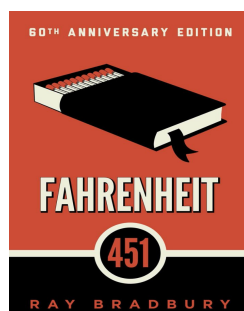
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Alexandre
Dumas***



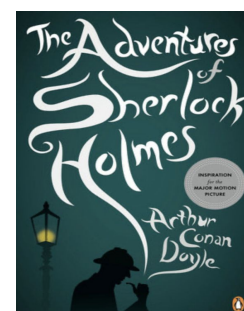
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**The
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J.R.R.
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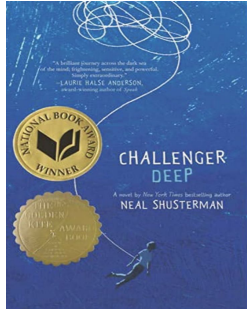


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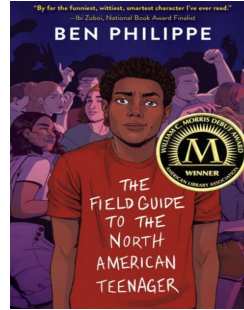


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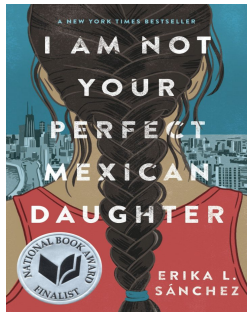
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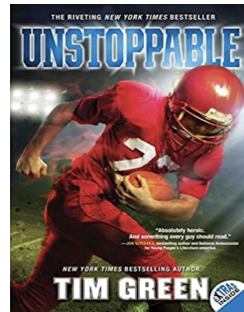
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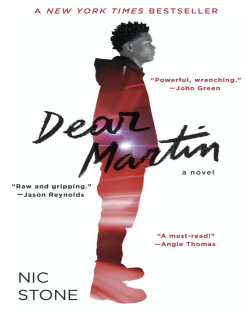
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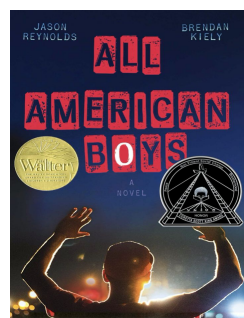
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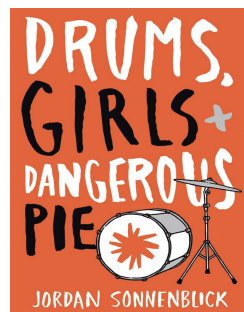
Dear Martin by Nic Stone*



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1. Identify one character from your book who you relate to and explain the ways in which you and the character are similar. Use examples from the book and your life to support your answer.
2. Identify one character from your book who differs from you and explain what you learned from their experiences and perspective. Use examples from the book to support your answer.