



Middle School  
Summer Reading  
2017

*8th Grade  
Reading Log*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

English Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Book \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

What is the genre for this book? (check answer)

- non-fiction    historical fiction    adventure  
 fantasy    autobiography/biography  
 contemporary life and problems (teen issues)

Star Rating for this book?

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(circle—5 being the best)

What is the theme of this book? Often times there is more than one theme, choose the one you feel is the **most important** and **provide "text-based" details** to support your answer. (Theme isn't something that's stated outright; it often appears as a lesson or message that the reader understands by reading between the lines.)

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### Reach for a book

when you want to feel friendly,  
reach for a book  
that's happy-ever-end-y.

Reach for a book  
when you'd like to be cozy,  
reach for a book  
when you're cold in the nose-y.

Reach for a book,  
turn the pages and find  
you can match the mood.  
of your rainbow mind.

Reach for a book  
on a library shelf  
and lose and find  
your very own self.



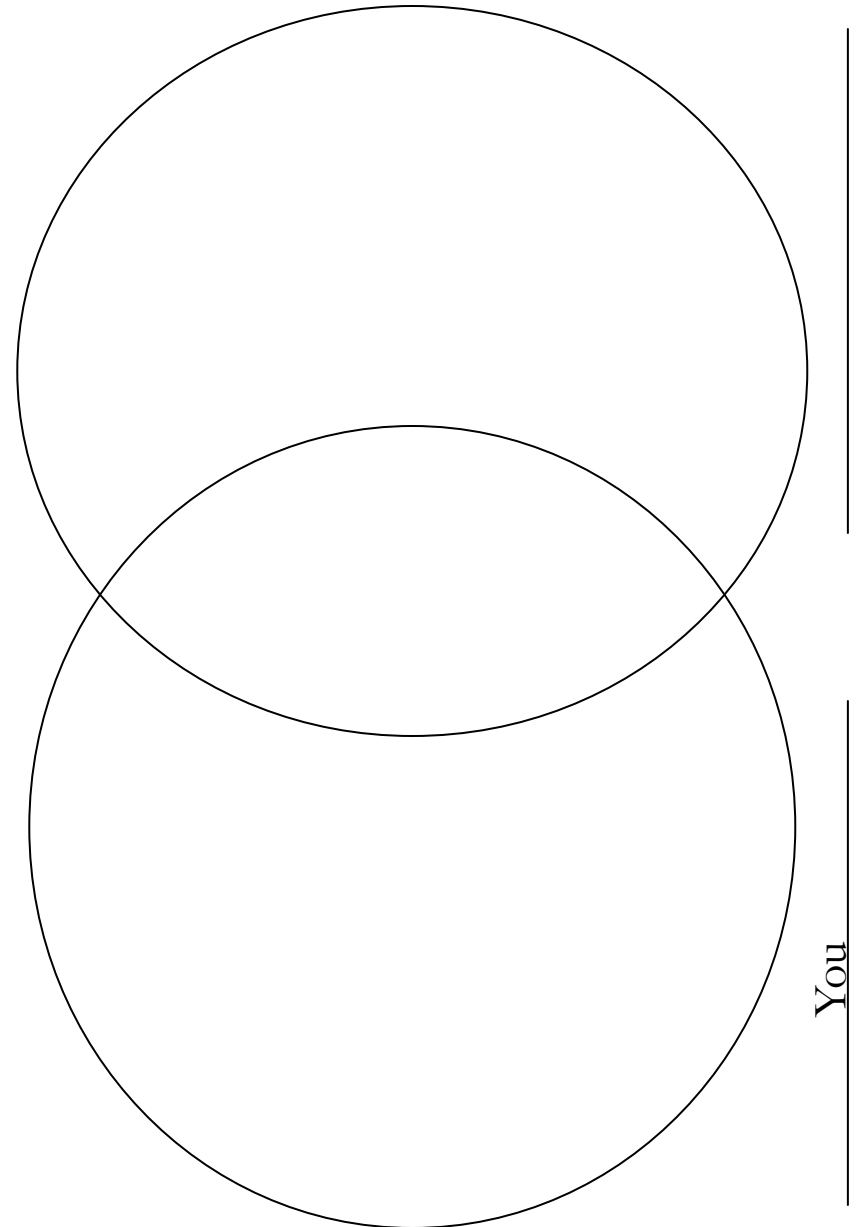
By Eve Merriam

Recommended Books for eighth graders to choose from:

BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	LEXILE
<u>Bearstone</u>	Hobbs, Will	780
<u>Devil's Arithmetic</u>	Yolen, Jane	730
<u>Diary of a Young Girl</u>	Frank, Anne	1080
<u>Hoot</u>	Hiaasen	760
<u>Egypt Game, The</u>	Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	1010
<u>Hunger Games, The</u>	Collins, Suzanne	810
<u>Life you Imagine, The: Derek Jeter</u>	Curry, Jack	940
<u>Lily's Crossing</u>	Giff, Patricia Reilly	720
<u>Maniac Magee</u>	Spinelli, Jerry	820
<u>Parallel Journeys</u>	Ayer, Eleanor	1050
<u>Pigman, The</u>	Zindel, Paul	950
<u>Single Shard</u>	Park, Linda Sue	920
<u>Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson</u>	Denenberg, Barry	930
<u>Storytellers' Daughter</u>	Doley, Cameron	700
<u>Tangerine</u>	Bloor, Edward	680
<u>When Zachery Beaver Came to Town</u>	Holt, Kimberly Willis	700

How is the main character similar and different from you? For example:

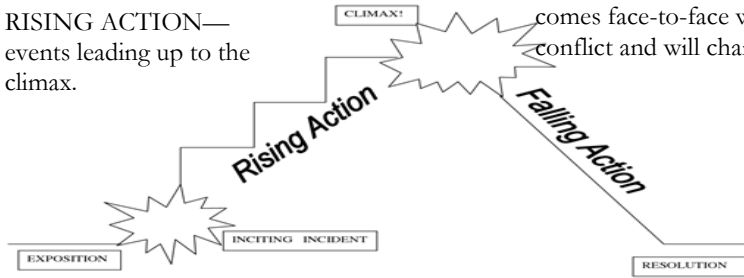
Do you have similar or different interests, goals or traditions? Use the Venn Diagram below to record your response and label the circles. Be sure to include at least 5 differences and three similarities.



**Short Story Plot Diagram**

RISING ACTION—  
events leading up to the  
climax.

CLIMAX—main character  
comes face-to-face with a  
conflict and will change in



What is the setting?

List major character(s) and provide a brief description.

#2: First major event?

#2: Second major event?

#2: Third major event?

#3: What is the climax of the story?

#5: What is the resolution?

**Other books I've read this summer: BONUS**

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