

Royal West Academy - Grade 8 2023 Summer Reading List & Instructions

Selections:

King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callender

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness

The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier

Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson

You may read as many books from the list as you wish, but you must read two (2). There is no anchor novel, so you may choose whichever two you are most interested in. You are expected to read the books carefully to prepare for summer reading projects which will take place over the course of September.

Students in grade 8 will be **required to complete the 2023 RWA Summer Reading Reflection document**. This document will be made available to students on the RWA website, and is a standard document for Grades 8-11. The purpose of the reflection is to think critically about the novel and be creative. Detailed instructions are on the document itself. The document will not be collected on the first day back, but expect to submit it sometime during the first cycle.

As you will be completing projects on the books in the fall, you are encouraged to take some notes while reading. Highlighting or marking off key passages is a good idea, as is jotting down some notes while reading to help you keep track of characters, setting, plot, conflict, etc. This is not mandatory, but highly encouraged because it will help you with the projects in the fall.

Please note that some of these books have mature themes; we encourage students to consult reviews to make sure the books they choose to read are a good fit. Have a great summer!