



## Honors Summer Read 2013 Grades 6-8



Dartmouth Middle School places a premium on reading as a road to success.

Honors students are required to read three novels over the summer as part of their commitment to a challenging academic year. Parents, encourage your child to read the book and not watch the movie or read summaries of the books. Students will be asked to write an essay about the literary elements of the books and/or give a speech about their novels. As students read they should keep a reading journal of thoughts, impressions and quotes. These journals will be helpful when completing the writing assignment in the first weeks of school to use in their essay supporting statements.

Feel free to read one or all of the books in any series as part of your summer assignments.

**Dear Bully- 70 Authors Tell Their Story-** Ed. Megan Kelley Hill & Carrie Jones

**Unwind-** Neal Schusterman

**I Capture the Castle-** Dodie Smith

**A Separate Peace-** John Knowles

**Flowers for Algernon-** Daniel Keyes

**To Kill a Mockingbird-** Harper Lee

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963-** Christopher Paul Curtis

**Up From Slavery-** Booker T. Washington

**Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad-** Ann Petry

**My Antonia-** Willa Cather

**The House on Mango Street-** Sandra Cisneros

**The Big Sky-** A.B. Guthrie

**Immigrant Kids-** Russell Freedman

**Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo-** Zlata Filipovic

**We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust-** Jacob Boas

**Behind Barbed Wire-** Daniel S. Davis

**Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust-** Milton Meltzer

**The Book Thief-** Markus Zusak

**The Ballad of the Pirate Queens –** Jane Yolen

**Gone With the Wind-** Margaret Mitchell (counts as two books)

**The Boy's War-** Jim Murphy

**Watership Down –** Richard Adams

**20,000 Leagues Beneath the Sea-** Jules Verne

**Mysterious Island-** Jules Verne

**Something Wicked This Way Comes-** Ray Bradbury

**The Crystal Cave-** Mary Stewart

**The Lord of The Rings (series) –** J.R.R. Tolkien

**Stranger in a Strange Land-** Robert Heinlen

**Beowulf: A New Telling -** Robert Nye

**Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe-** Douglas Adams

**Murder on the Orient Express-** Agatha Christie

**Rebecca-** Daphne Du Maurier

**William Shakespeare-** any play

**The Miracle Worker-** William Gibson

**The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The- Moon Marigolds-** Paul Zindel

**Little Women-** Louisa May Alcott

**A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court-** Mark Twain

**Dracula-** Bram Stoker

**Frankenstein-** Mary Shelley

**Little Women-** Louisa May Alcott

**Peter Pan-** J.M. Barrie

**Pride and Prejudice-** Jane Austen

**Jane Eyre-** Charlotte Bronte

**Wuthering Heights-** Bronte

**The House of the Seven Gables –** Nathaniel Hawthorne

**The Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales** by The Brothers Grimm

**Great Expectations-** Charles Dickens (counts as two books)

**David Copperfield –** Charles Dickens (counts as two books)

**Oliver Twist-** Charles Dickens (counts as two books)

**Life in Charles Dickens's England-** Diane Yancey

**The Pearl –** John Steinbeck

**The Red Pony-** John Steinbeck

**Seabiscuit: An American Legend-** by Laura Hillenbrand

**Black Beauty –** Anna Sewell

**King of the Wind-** Marguerite Henry & Wesley Dennis

**All Creatures Great and Small –** James Herriot