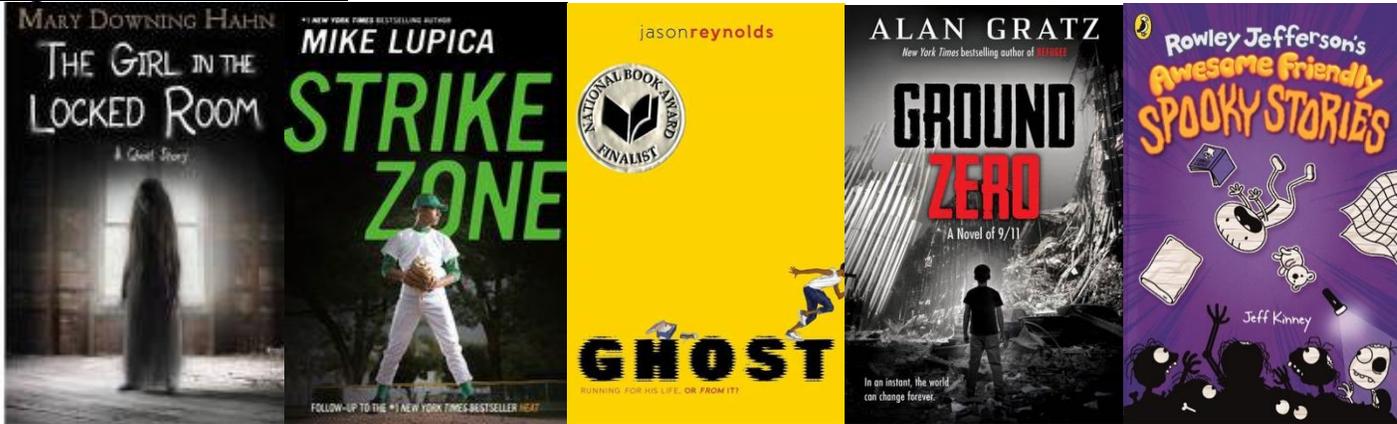


## Odenville Middle School Summer Reading Project

**Requirements:** Choose any middle grade/ young-adult novel to read and choose one of the project choices from the back of the page. DUE August 31, 2022

If you need some book ideas, here are some suggestions OMS students love.

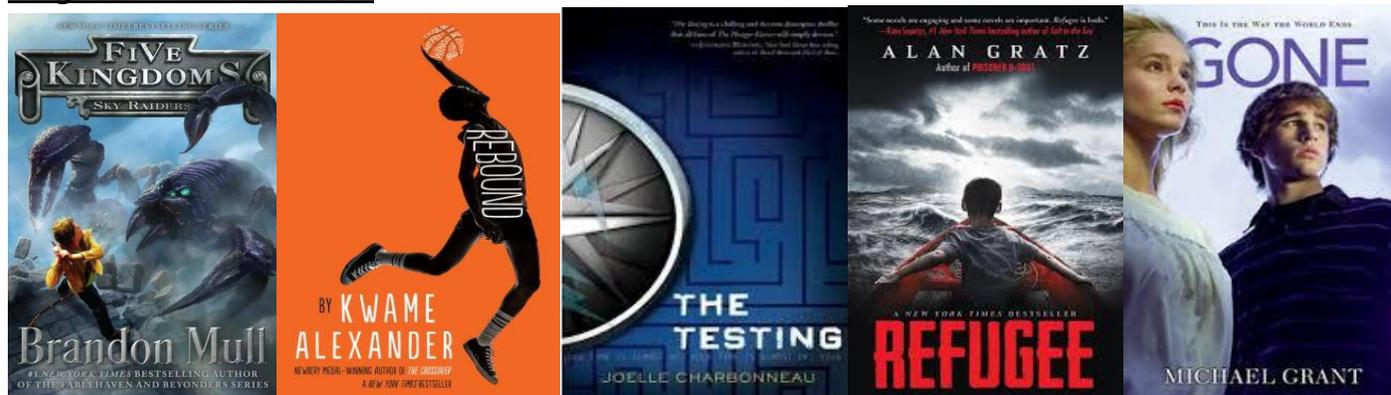
### 6<sup>th</sup> grade SUGGESTIONS:



### 7<sup>th</sup> grade SUGGESTIONS:



### 8<sup>th</sup> grade SUGGESTIONS:



### Project Requirements for Grading:

Projects receiving an A must show especially sophisticated work for a middle school student and have met all requirements.

Projects receiving a B must show a good understanding of the project requirements and have met all criteria.

Projects receiving a C show an adequate understanding of directions and have met most requirements.

Projects receiving a D show inadequate and limited understanding and may be missing many requirements for the project.

Students not turning in a project will receive an F.

## **Project Choices**

Select a project from the choices below. All projects are due **August 31**, 2021. Be prepared to discuss your project with your teacher and present it to the class! See reverse side for book ideas and project grading criteria.

**Create a diary or journal in the voice of a character from your book.** Choose three major events from the novel and give your chosen character's impressions and reflections on those events. Why are these events important? Be sure to go beyond the obvious. Sure, he might have been worried about starting school, but how would he write about that in a journal? What thoughts are racing through her mind? Pick this project if you feel like the book's characters really came alive for you. You must write at least 12-15 journal entries. The project should be 200-600 words (1-3 typed pages, double spaced.)

**Make a movie trailer featuring your book.** If you have Windows, chances are you have Movie Maker without even knowing about it. If it's your first time making a movie on the computer, though, think about downloading Microsoft's Photo Story. Also, iMovie on Apple devices is a great way to make movie trailers. They are simple to use and have enough features (photo effects, neat transitions, the ability to add music) that you can create a pretty cool product. Choose this project if you dream about being the next Steven Spielberg or M. Night Shyamalan. Your final movie trailer should be professional-looking and 5-7 minutes long.

**Create a newspaper for your book.** Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story. The title of the newspaper should be relevant to the theme of the book. Your newspaper must include at least 5 stories and should be laid out as a newspaper.

**Make a character biography and sketch.** Choose one character in the novel and write a 300-word biography. The biography should explain where the character lives, the conflict(s) the character faces in the novel, tell about their family life, and summarize the resolution or ending of the novel. Then draw a sketch of the character. The sketch can be a head and shoulder picture or a scene from the novel. The sketch must be in color. The project will be presented by the student *as the character*. Share with the class all of the above information in first person – speak in the character's style and come dressed as the character. Include any important props that will make your presentation more realistic. **Both the sketch and the biography must be mounted to a 10x10 poster board. Drawings must fill the page and must be no smaller than 8 ½ x 11 unlined paper.**

**Create a word collage.** Write the title of the book in the center of an 10x10 cut poster board. Look through magazines for words, phrases, and sentences that illustrate or tell something about your book such as themes, setting, plot and characters. Work to get 50 such words, phrases, or sentences so that the poster will be covered. The visual impact of the collage should tell a potential reader a lot about the book. The entire poster should be filled with words.

**Write letters between characters.** This project can be done in two ways. You could write letters back and forth between two characters from your book. Or you could think outside the box a bit more and write letters between one character in your book and another person from literature or history. For example, say you read *The Mighty Miss Malone* and think its protagonist, Deza, might be a good pen pal to *The Magician's Nephew's* Aslan. What would they say to each other? How would they get along? What stories might they share? Choose this project if you think interaction between characters is more interesting than introspection from one character. You may write as many letters as you would like. The project should be 250-800 words (2-4 typed pages, double spaced.) Make sure your interactions are grounded in the books.

**Create a cartoon/storyboard.** Create 3 separate cartoons/ storyboards based on the following list of events from your book and put them in chronological order on a piece of 10x10 poster board:

- Memory moment or a flashback of the character
- A tough question your character is dealing with
- Aha moment that your character realizes something important

**Create a book jacket for your book.** You will create a book jacket reflecting the book you choose to read. The outside front should contain the book title, author, your own original colored illustration, and your name. The inside of the jacket should include a paragraph of your own explanation about the story that explains the plot, setting, characters, conflicts, and theme. The back of the cover should contain your opinion of the book and your recommendation for other readers.

### **A couple of reminders to students and parents:**

**This project is to be completed by the student only; parents are asked to supervise and give guidance to their student but are asked to refrain from doing any part of the work for their child. Also, plagiarism is a big deal. Any time a person turns in someone else's work as their own, whether they found it on the internet or borrowed it from their computer, it is plagiarizing. All plagiarized assignments will be given a zero. Do not be tempted!**

We look forward to meeting you at the start of the school year! You may check out your novel from your local library, or you may choose to purchase the novel from Amazon, Books-A-Million, DeDe's Book Rack (Trussville) etc. If you would later like to donate your novel to the English class, a reward will follow!! Thank you!