

7th Grade Social Studies Summer Reading
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→ 7th Grade Social Studies – Students should read *Johnny Tremain – A Story of Boston in Revolt* (ISBN: 978-0-547-61432-8)

Students should be prepared to discuss life in Boston during the pre-revolution period / revolutionary period.

7th Grade Summer Reading Assignment
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→ ****All incoming 7th graders are required to read the novel *Refugee* by Alan Gratz.** This novel is the primary text for our first unit. Each student will need a copy of *Refugee*. Although there is no written assignment for the summer, think about the following things as you read:

Characters and Plot Points:

- Pay attention to the reasons that the three main characters (Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud's) families leave their homes. What are the situations in each of their lives that force them to flee? How are their situations similar and how are they different?
- Note the personalities and character traits of each of the main characters: Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud. In what ways do each of them have to take charge of their families' plights at different points in their story? Be prepared to describe the points at which each young person must act as an adult.
- What is the method of travel for each of these refugee families? How does Josef's sea voyage compare to those of Isabel and Mahmoud? What is the most threatening part of each of these voyages and how do those threats create obstacles for the families as they travel?
- **NOTE:** This is a historical fiction novel told from three different characters' perspectives during three different time periods. You may need to do additional research to fully understand what was going on in some parts of the story.

→ ****In addition to *Refugee*, all 7th grade students should choose a book to read from the list below.** Students may listen to an audio version or read an electronic version if they choose. A copy of the book is not required. We will discuss these books in literature circles the first week of school. Each of the books below are on the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice List.

1. <i>Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year</i>	Nina Hamza
2. <i>Amari and the Night Brothers</i> (Supernatural Investigations #1) by	B.B. Alston
3. <i>The Chance to Fly</i>	Ali Stroker
4. <i>Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb</i>	Candace Fleming
5. <i>Deadman's Castle</i>	Iain Lawrence
6. <i>The Last Cuentista</i>	Donna Barba Higuera
7. <i>Red, White, and Whole</i>	Rajani LaRocca
8. <i>Starfish</i>	Lisa Fipps
9. <i>Worst-Case Collin</i>	Rebecca Caprara
10. <i>Violets are Blue</i>	Barbara Dee