

# Dear Raiders and Families,

Research has shown that reading and enriching summer activities can eliminate this loss of learning. In fact, the number of books read during the summer is consistently correlated to academic gains because students return to school ready to continue their learning with little or no learning loss. We hereby officially challenge you to read at least **two books from the 2023-2024 Battle of the Books list**. Not only will you discover the joy of being lost in a book, but you will also benefit academically.

Summer Reading Challenge: Choose two (2) new-to-you titles from the following list to read over the summer. Collect and record important information about the book as you read. On the back is a graphic organizer that includes information you should gather about the books you read. This can be completed on any paper.

The **Battle of the Books list for 2023-2024** (<https://bit.ly/rugbyreads2023>) includes:

- ***Agent Most Wanted (young readers adaptation)*** by Sonio Purnell
- ***The Book Jumper*** by Mechthild Glaser ^^
- ***Death on the River of Doubt*** by Samantha Seiple
- ***Genesis Begins Again*** by Alicia D. Williams
- ***The Hired Girl*** by Laura Amy Schlitz ^^
- ***The Iron Trial*** by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare\*\*^^
- ***The Last Cuentista*** by Donna Barb Higuera
- ***Long Lost*** by Jacqueline West
- ***Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish*** by Pablo Cartaya\*\*
- ***New Kid*** by Jerry Craft\*\*
- ***Nyxia*** by Scott Reintgen ^^
- ***Other Words for Home*** by Jasmine Warga\*\*
- ***Restart*** by Gordon Korman
- ***Salt to the Sea*** by Ruta Sepetys ^^
- ***The Secret Battle of Evan Pao*** by Wendy Wan-Long Shang
- ***Sherwood*** by Meagan Spooner ^^
- ***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*** by Kwame Mbalia
- ***Unlawful Orders*** by Barbara Binns
- ***The Watch That Ends the Night*** by Allan Wolf ^^
- ***Wolf Hollow*** by Lauren Wolk

\*\*Indicates books that are currently planned for the 2023-24 parent/student/teacher book club, [Reading Raiders](#). Many Language Arts teachers offer extra credit to students who attend these events throughout the year.

^^ Indicates Young Adult Version of title.

You can use your student ID to check them out from the public library or purchase them online or at your local bookstore. You can also check this list out in your 2022-2023 ELA Google Classroom. Have fun reading!

Sincerely,

*Rugby Middle School 7th and 8th Grade ELA Department*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title:	
Author:	

Plot Summary

# PLOT: ISW BST

**IN**

**SETTING:** Where and when does the story take place?

**SOMEBODY**

**PROTAGONIST:** Who is/are the main character(s)?

**WANTED**

**GOAL:** What did the protagonist want?

**BUT**

**CONFLICT:** What is the main problem or obstacle to achieving their goal?

**SO**

**RISING ACTION & CLIMAX:** What complicates the plot? What is the turning point of the story?

**THEN**

**RESOLUTION:** How is the conflict ultimately resolved?

What lesson did the main character learn in this book?

What lesson did you learn from the main character's experience in this book?

What are 3 reasons why someone might want to read this book?

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 -