

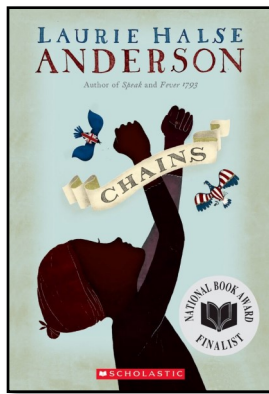


HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
**CAPSTONE
PROJECT**

— SUMMER READING CHOICES —

Before beginning the HMS Capstone Project next school year, you must read one of the following books over the summer. This book will also be used for projects and presentations in the first marking period of next year. Limited numbers of each title are available; please see Mr. Kleismit with your choice.

Your Task: You are a representative for the publisher of your selected text. You will make a presentation at the National Youth-At-Risk Convention, with a focus on helping struggling teens to develop a sense of grit. You must persuade an audience of adults working closely with struggling teens that your text will help teens to develop grit, to become determined to succeed, and to persevere despite hardships.

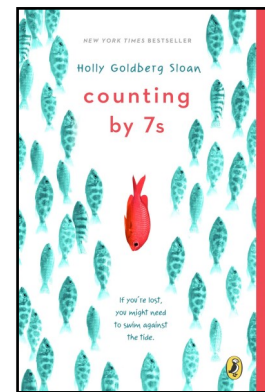


Chains
Laurie Halse Anderson

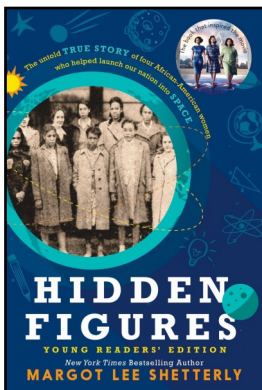
Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, thirteen-year-old Isabel and her sister become the property of a malicious New York City couple who have no sympathy for the American Revolution and even less for the two sisters. When Isabel meets Curzon, a slave with ties to the Patriots, he encourages her to spy on her owners, who know details of British plans for invasion. Isabel is reluctant at first, but she realizes her loyalty is available to the bidder who can provide her with freedom.

Counting by 7s
Holly Goldberg Sloan

Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now. Suddenly Willow's world is tragically changed when her parents both die in a car crash, leaving her alone in a baffling world. The triumph of this book is that it is not a tragedy. This extraordinarily odd and endearing girl manages to push through her grief.



Hidden Figures (Young Readers' Edition)
Margot Lee Shetterly

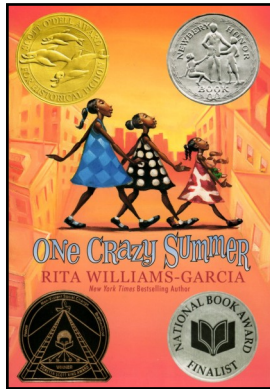
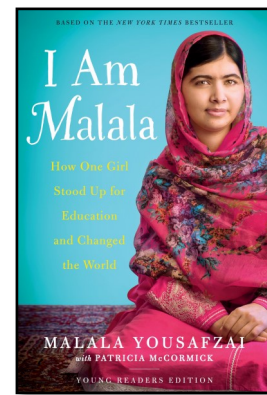


Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as “human computers” used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. *Hidden Figures* is the phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.

I Am Malala (Young Readers' Edition)
Malala Yousafzai with Patricia McCormick

*I come from a country that was created at midnight.
When I almost died, it was just after midday.*

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. Yousafzai is the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in history.



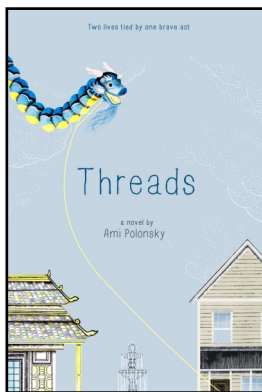
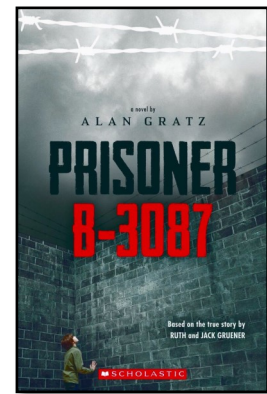
One Crazy Summer
Rita Williams-Garcia

Eleven-year-old Delphine has it together. Even though her mother, Cecile, abandoned her and her younger sisters, Vonetta and Fern, seven years ago. And even though Delphine must look after her sisters during a summer trip to California to visit Cecile. When they arrive on the West Coast, their mother decides that they will attend a day camp run by the Black Panthers. Unexpectedly, the three sisters learn much about their family, their country, and themselves.

Prisoner B-3087
Alan Gratz

Ten concentration camps: ten different places where people are starved, tortured, and worked mercilessly. It is something no one could imagine surviving.

As a Jewish boy in 1930s Poland, Yanek is at the mercy of the Nazis who have taken over. Everything he has, and everyone he loves, have been snatched brutally from him. And then Yanek himself is taken prisoner—his arm tattooed with the words “PRISONER B-3087.”



Threads
Ami Polonsky

*To Whom It May Concern:
Please, we need help!*

When twelve-year-old Clara finds a note and a photograph inside a purse in the mall, she can't stop thinking about the girl—Yuming—who made the purse and wrote the message. Like two kites flying side by side, Clara's and Yuming's journeys weave, bob, and become entangled in this story about the importance of connections and the power of hope.

Ugly
Robert Hoge

When Robert Hoge was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes. Amazingly, he survived — with a face that would never be the same. Strangers stared at him, kids called him names, and adults could be cruel in their own ways. Everybody seemed to agree that Robert was "ugly." But Robert refused to let his face dictate his entire life. Then, when Robert came face to face with the biggest decision of his life, he followed his heart.

