

# MIDDLE GRADES SUMMER READING

## Directions:

1) Scholars are to select one of the following books, read it in its entirety, and complete the Summary activity below by Monday, August 16, 2021. We encourage scholars not to wait until the due date to complete the assignment as teachers will issue additional assignments based on the selected readings during the first two weeks of school.

### 1. *“They Called Us Enemy”* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Steven Scott

[https://www.amazon.com/They-Called-Enemy-Issues-Book/dp/B08GQHPBML/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=They+Called+Us+Enemy+by+George+Takei%2C+Justin+Eisinger%2C+and+Steven+Scott&qid=1624566414&s=books&sr=1-2](https://www.amazon.com/They-Called-Enemy-Issues-Book/dp/B08GQHPBML/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=They+Called+Us+Enemy+by+George+Takei%2C+Justin+Eisinger%2C+and+Steven+Scott&qid=1624566414&s=books&sr=1-2)

About the book: “They Called Us Enemy” is a spectacular graphic memoir detailing actor/author/activist George Takei’s childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II.

### 2. *“Clean Getaway”* by Nic Stone

[https://www.amazon.com/Clean-Getaway-Nic-Stone/dp/1984893009/ref=pd\\_sbs\\_3/147-1576073-4666710?pd\\_rd\\_w=AXrrg&pf\\_rd\\_p=a5925d26-9630-40f3-a011-d858608ac88b&pf\\_rd\\_r=2987Y12R4KF253ZV11AB&pd\\_rd\\_r=305dc166-1d70-4053-817a-e1a94aa80519&pd\\_rd\\_wg=hDINa&pd\\_rd\\_i=1984893009&psc=1](https://www.amazon.com/Clean-Getaway-Nic-Stone/dp/1984893009/ref=pd_sbs_3/147-1576073-4666710?pd_rd_w=AXrrg&pf_rd_p=a5925d26-9630-40f3-a011-d858608ac88b&pf_rd_r=2987Y12R4KF253ZV11AB&pd_rd_r=305dc166-1d70-4053-817a-e1a94aa80519&pd_rd_wg=hDINa&pd_rd_i=1984893009&psc=1)

About the book: “Clean Getaway is a story about William “Scoob” Lamar, an eleven year old black kid, and G’ma, his white grandmother, and the road trip they embark upon across the American South. Scoob leaves behind serious punishment following a school suspension, and a severe father whose severity only increases after said suspension. He just wants to get away from it all and clear his head. G’ma wants to show Scoob places where history has been made — but also to deal with some unfinished business from her past. Issues that cause her to act increasingly erratic and shady.”

## Summary Activity:

Create a newspaper article summarizing the book you have chosen using the following questions to guide your thought process. Your reading teacher will give you specific directions for how to submit your summary on the first day of school.

1. Summarize the story.
2. What do I think was important from the story?
3. What is it that I learned from the story?
4. Beyond the characters, what is the typical setting or conflict in the book you have chosen?
5. How do I want to share it with my audience?

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Make sure you check your capitalization, organization, punctuation, and spelling and reflect back on your learning of how to create a summary of your reading.

- How to summarize: <https://youtu.be/aUCQ8OHPBsM>
- How to create a Newspaper article: <https://youtu.be/d29zoF4X340>

**Listed below are additional books that are recommended but not required Summer Reading:**

***“The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise” by Dan Gemeinhart***

[https://www.amazon.com/Remarkable-Journey-Coyote-Sunrise/dp/1250233615/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?dchild=1&keywords=The+Remarkable+Journey+of+Coyote+Sunrise+by+Dan+Gemeinhart&qid=1624566294&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Remarkable-Journey-Coyote-Sunrise/dp/1250233615/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=The+Remarkable+Journey+of+Coyote+Sunrise+by+Dan+Gemeinhart&qid=1624566294&s=books&sr=1-1)

About the book: “Five years. That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, crisscrossing the nation. Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all...but that with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her “once upon a time” into a “happily ever after.”

**Blended by Sharon M. Draper**

<https://www.amazon.com/Blended-Sharon-M-Draper/dp/1442495006>

About the book: “Eleven-year-old Isabella’s parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week: One week she’s Isabella with her dad, his girlfriend Anastasia, and her son Darren living in a fancy house where they are one of the only black families in the neighborhood. The next week she’s Izzy with her mom and her boyfriend John-Mark in a small, not-so-fancy house that she loves.”