

Middle School Summer Reading List/8th Grade

Students should read two books, *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt and one biography, and a Shakespeare play. For each of the three reading assignments, students should complete the corresponding form. All three forms are to be turned in during **Language Arts class on the first day of school**.

The **fiction** book selection is the following book:

- 1) *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt. Mrs. Richardson has copies available for summer loans.

Select a **biography** based on the following criteria:

- 2) 8th grade biographies should be more than 100 pages and should be about a worthy individual in world history who lived between 1607 and 2016 A.D. (Examples: George Washington, William Wilberforce, Frederick Douglas, Elizabeth II, Martin Luther King, etc.) Please do not choose media stars or sports figures.

Read a story version of ***The Merchant of Venice*** by William Shakespeare.

- 3) *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare and retold by Andrew Matthews. It is published by Silver Dolphin Books. Mrs. Tarlton has copies available for summer loans.