

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC

Summer Reading List, 2021
for students entering Grade 8

All students must read one of the following books:

Spoon River Anthology

by Edgar Lee Masters

Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices

by Walter Dean Myers

I Am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices

by Paul Fleischman

19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East

by Naomi Shihab Nye

Brown Girl Dreaming

by Jacqueline Woodson

**St. Peter Central Catholic
Summer Project Assignment, 2021
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All students must choose one book from the summer reading list. After reading the book, all students must complete a written report on the book that was chosen. Please follow the directions below.

You must complete a written report on either lined paper or typed on the computer. The paper must have a full heading including your name, grade, date, and St. Peter Central Catholic in it. The subject should be “Summer Reading Project.” **The report is due on the first day of school.**

The report must include responses to the following questions:

- What is the title of the book?
- Who is the author of the book?
- What drew your attention to this text? What qualities about the story or the structure enticed you to read it?
- How will reading a text in this structure be different than a traditional narrative?
- Describe the way that the author organized the narrative. How is the experience of reading a narrative written in verse (poetry) different than a more traditional narrative structure?
- What examples from this text highlight the author’s central themes?
- How do specific language and structural choices of the author convey and/or develop a theme?
- How does this text deal with storytelling, and the idea that storytelling shapes the way people think about themselves and the world?
- Does reading this book encourage you to seek out more novels written in verse? Explain.

See reading list on the back of this sheet.