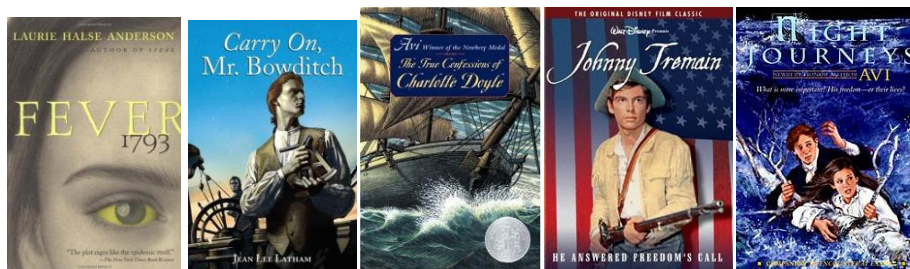


# ACA Junior High Summer Reading, 2016

“Many people, myself among them, feel better at the mere sight of a book.”

– **Jane Smiley**



## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Choose two of the following books to read:

*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*, by Avi

*Night Journeys* by Avi

*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

*Carry On, Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham

*Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson\*

\*Note: Because *Fever 1793* is about a yellow fever epidemic, it contains some descriptions of disease and death.

### **Assignment Instructions:**

- 1) Choose two of the five books above. Make sure your parents approve your choice.
- 2) Read the books. You may even choose to read *more than two books*, but only two are required.
- 3) Complete *one* of the assignments below by the first day of school (Wednesday, August 17, 2016). Note that while JH students should read *two* titles and be prepared to discuss these, they need only complete *one* assignment on *one* of the books.

### **Choose ONE of the following:**

- a. Summarize the book in poem form with rhyme (minimum 15 lines).
- b. Q & A - Pretend you're interviewing a person from the book. Write your interview in question and answer format with at least 15 questions (and 15 answers).
- c. Compare and contrast the book with another you have read. If you choose to read both books, you may compare them to each other.
- d. Write a 2-page letter to one of the characters in the book.
- e. As a literary agent, write a letter to the publishing company designed to persuade them to publish this book.
- f. You're the reporter. Write a front-page news story or a report live from the scene.
- g. Journal as you go - As you're reading the book, keep a two-sided reading journal. The left side should have quotes from the book and page numbers. The right side should have your questions, thoughts, observations, revelations, etc.

- h. Write a short play dramatizing one of the scenes in the book. Include character names and then give them lines (dialogue).

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

*Is this for a grade?*

Yes. For 7<sup>th</sup> graders, this will count as your first History grade for the new school year. For 8<sup>th</sup> graders, this will count as your first English grade of the new school year.

*When should I complete the assignment?*

Please complete this assignment as soon as you finish the book (or in some cases while you are reading it). Don't wait until the last minute!

*How do I choose which assignment to do?*

Many of the choices are simply creative ways of narrating the book. You may choose whichever report form most appeals to you, but teachers will be expecting your best work.

*Do I have to type this?*

Yes, it should be typed in **Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced**. The only exception to the typing requirement is the double-sided journal, which may be done in cursive (not print).

**Grading:**

Your report will be graded according to the following rubric:

Narration	/25
<i>Writing is accurate, detailed, and shows evidence that the student read the book.</i>	
Assignment Directions	/25
<i>Student followed assignment directions and typed the assignment.</i>	
Grammar and Mechanics	/25
<i>Student proofread work carefully and used correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar.</i>	
Best Effort	/25
<i>Student used creativity and completed the assignment with excellence.</i>	
Total	/100

Please note that this assignment is **due on the first day of school on Wednesday, August 17, 2016**. Students will lose ten points for each day that the assignment is late, and it will not be accepted past Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.