

Hill Country College Prep

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading

2025–26 School Year

Hello Hawks!

SST - Hill Country College Prep is dedicated to creating and maintaining a community of readers. Our summer reading program strives to promote literacy, critical thinking skills, rigor, and empathy. Over the summer, we would like incoming 8th graders to read a novel of their choice from the [2025 Lone Star Reading List](#). These lists are developed each year by public and school librarians across the state of Texas from the Young Adult Round Table. The purpose of the lists is to encourage students in grades 6, 7, and 8 to explore a wide variety of genres in current books. SST - Hill Country College Prep encourages all students to read widely in an effort to grow vocabulary, improve writing, build SEL skills, bring inspiration, and boost creativity.*

Your Assignment:

Read a novel of your choice from the [2025 Lone Star Reading List](#).

- ★ Click on the link above to view the annotated book list (which includes the title, author, and a brief description of each).



- Consider novel descriptions for interests and appropriateness. You can use [Common Sense Media](#) to help you with this.
- ★ Students should finish reading their book (hardcopy, ebook, or audiobook) by the first day of school. The literary analysis assignment related to their summer reading will be given the first week of school.

Have a wonderful summer! Happy reading!

– Ms. Thorn-Leeson

Need help acquiring your book? Here are some options:

- Sora
 - Students can access Sora through their Clever account
 - “Borrow” books to check them out.
 - The books can be opened in the Kindle app as well.
- Amazon
 - Most of the Lone Star books are available for purchase on Amazon.
- Audible
 - This is a great resource for students who struggle to stay engaged in a book, have reading difficulties, or just like to hear a dramatic reading of a book.
 - We ask that your child read the book while they listen to boost reading skills.
- Your Local Library
 - You can join any local library and have access to their collection of paper and audio books to check out
- Libby
 - This is an app that can be added to your phone. With the app you can use any local library to join using their library card.
 - Through the app students can check out books (including audio books)